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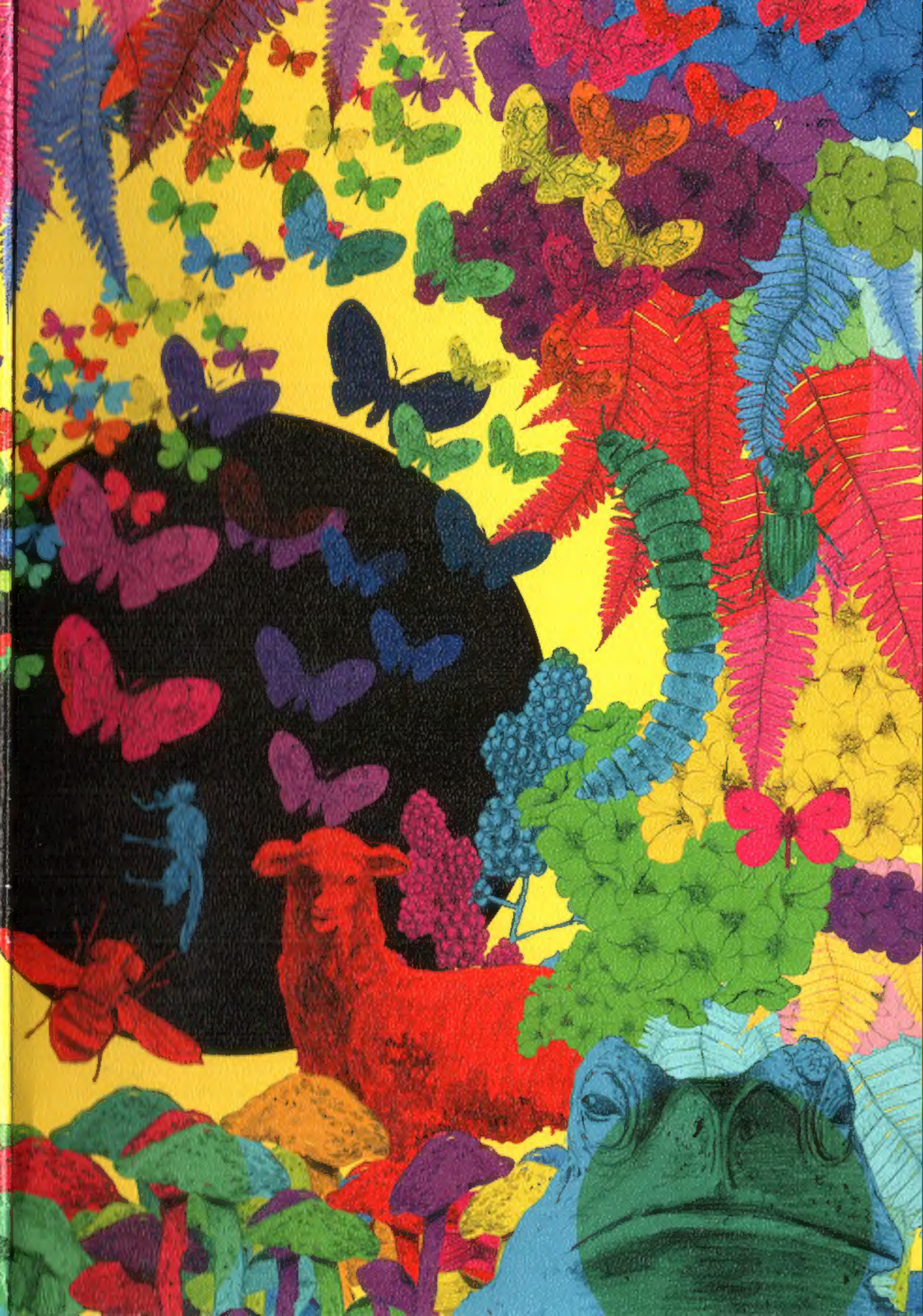

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Freeze

Did you...

Also sense the future?

That is what will come to pass in just one month from now...

Why that is. I can come up with several theories but...

That is neither here nor there.

Even if I try to use my superstring theory

I cannot listen to the future that lies ahead of that.

A single dark spot.

Is obstructing the praise of my pure-pure Lovers.

And inhibiting the chaos power of my Z-warriors.

The more pressing problem at hand is...

Yes, the dark spot.

That is why I must go...

There is no more time left...

I will be counting on you...

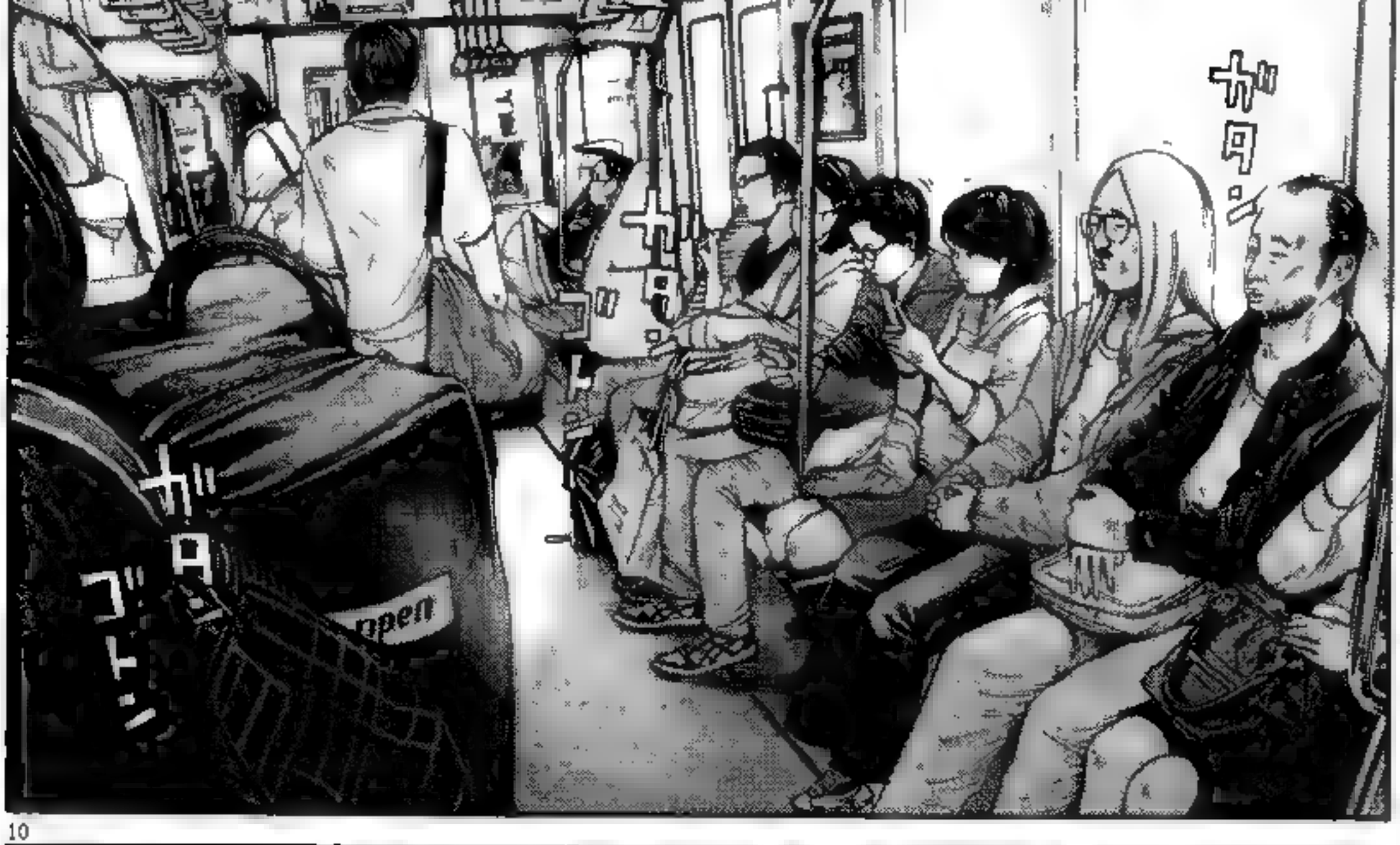
I'm sure the time will come.

When you and your god of poop shall lend me strength!

Engaging launch sequence!

Formula Mode activate!

Full-power ahead!



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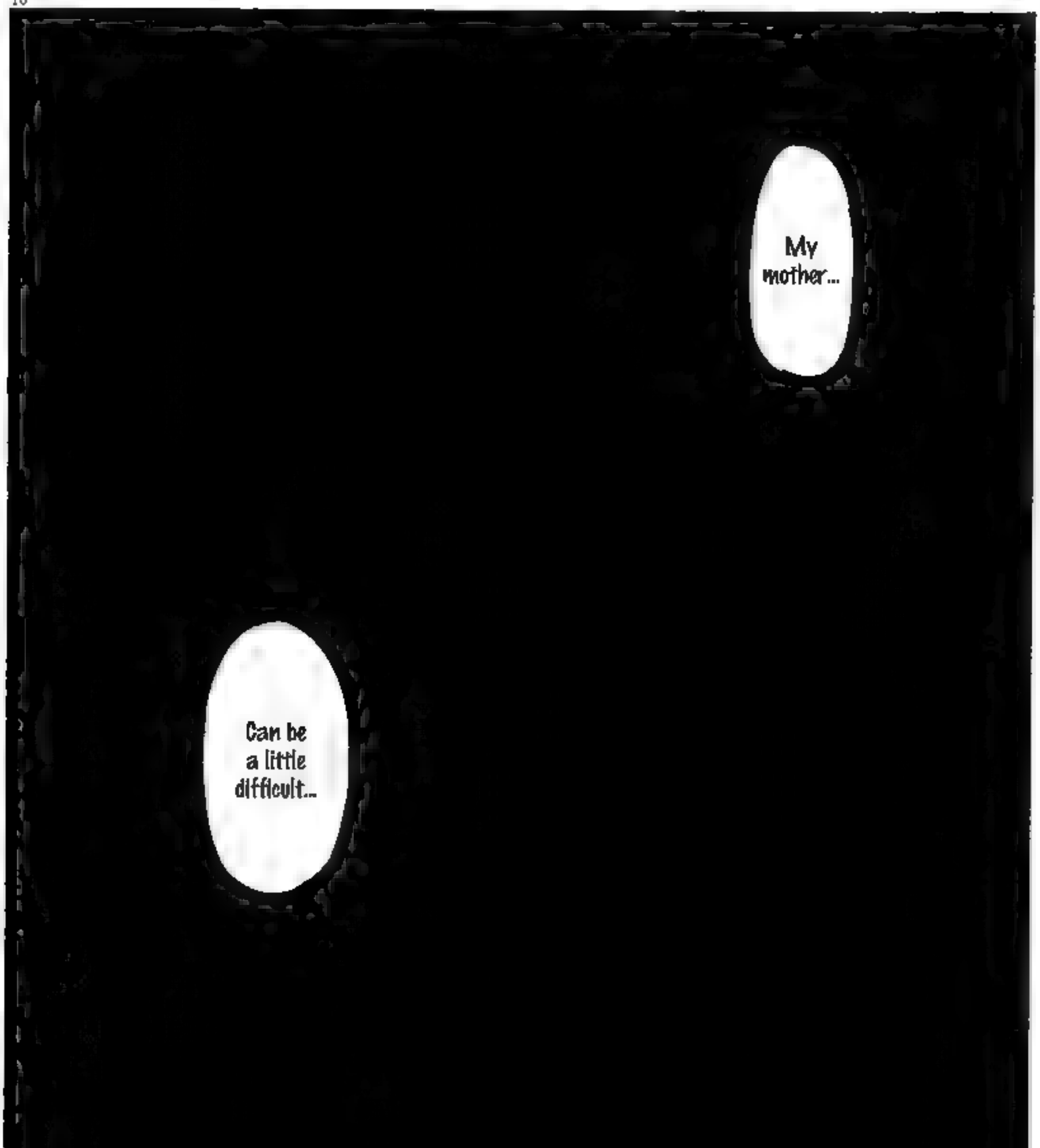

But it's just I'm starting to feel real scared myself about having to persuade my mother...

Sorry.

I'm not trying to intimidate you or anything.

BEER

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What...

What kind of face am I making right now?

とびだし

It's like I'm a kid again.

Things I want to do, places I want to see... They're all flooding my head.

It's my surge...

I'm scared to death yet my lips are on the verge of cracking a big smile...

...Oh that's right, I've always wanted a pet dog too.

But then we'd have to find a place that allows pets, wouldn't we?

I want to buy all kinds of spices and seasonings and learn how to cook.

And walk together with you to buy our groceries without a care in the world...

If we can live together,

I'm fine with anything, no matter how plain.

Even just wasting away the whole day in our home is fine.

What would your rather have,

A Chihuahua or a Shiba?

...Such an adorable scatter-brain, she is.

I love her so much I could just bite her tongue off and kill her.

Nun

"We can do whatever you wish."

Mmm..

"That's not important right now."

"Because I'll protect
you no matter what."

Ok...

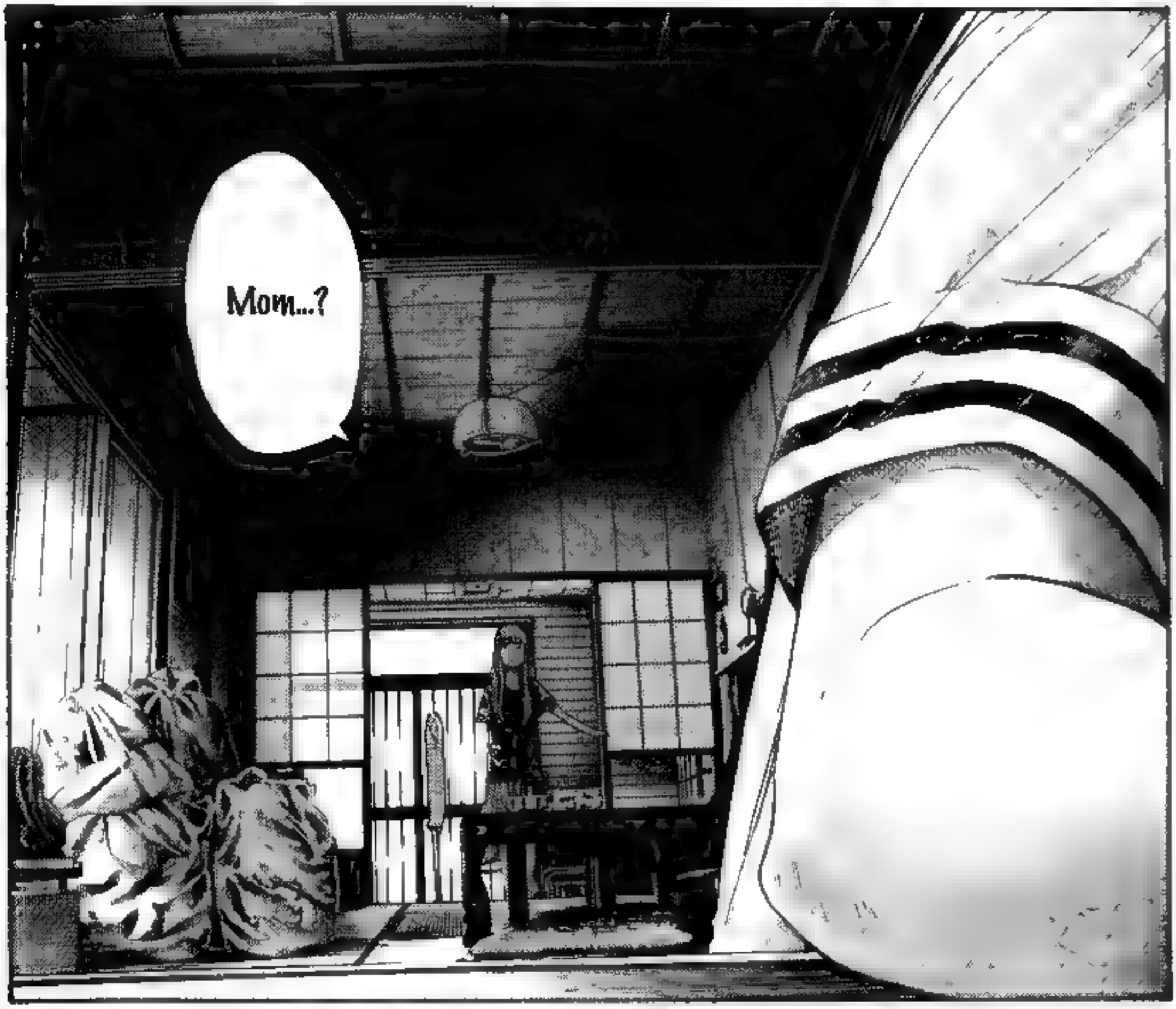
...And a person like me, who's far stupider, should have been castrated long ago.

This is,

My home...

_Mother,

I'm home.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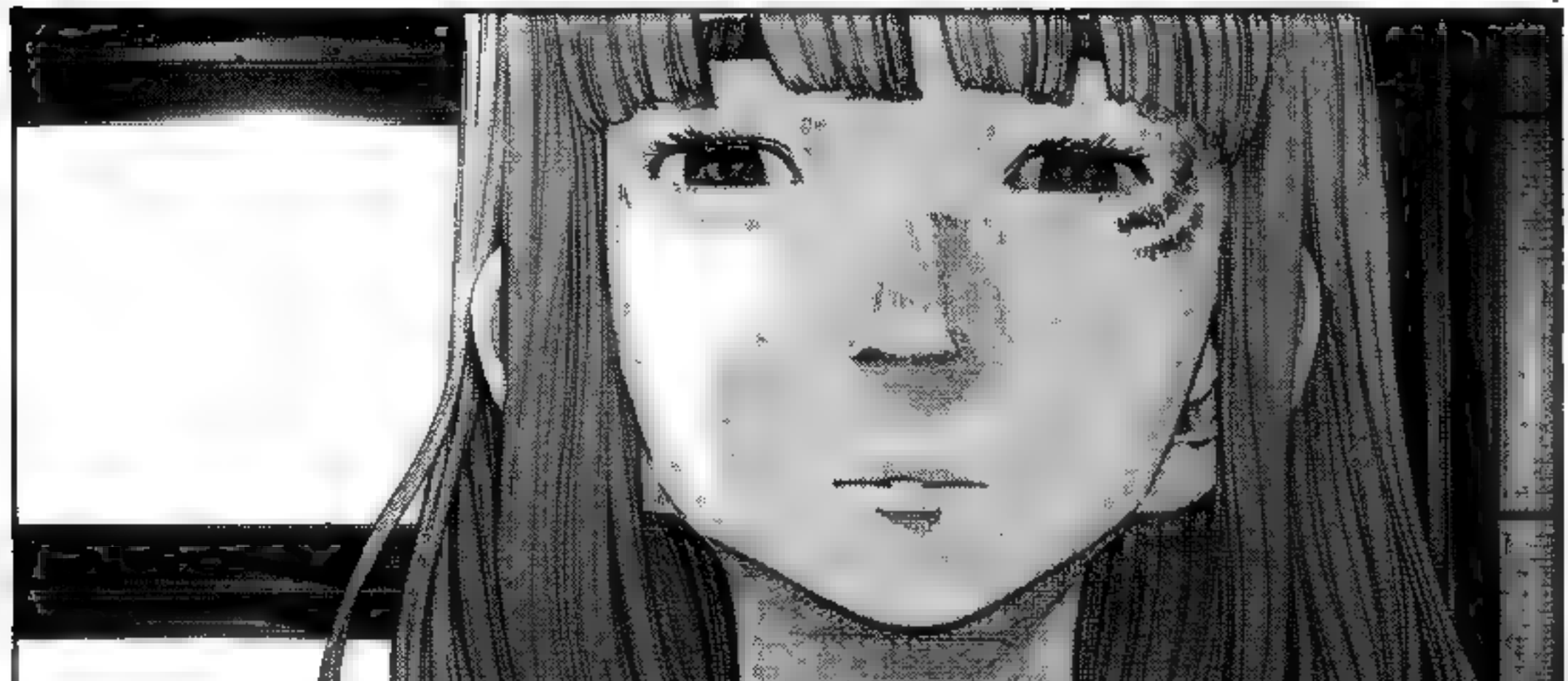

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Doing with my old school uniform?

What're you...

Shouldn't you be at work right now?

And I should be asking what you're doing.

Who's that with you?

I'm going to leave this house.

I'll be living with him from now on.

Mom.

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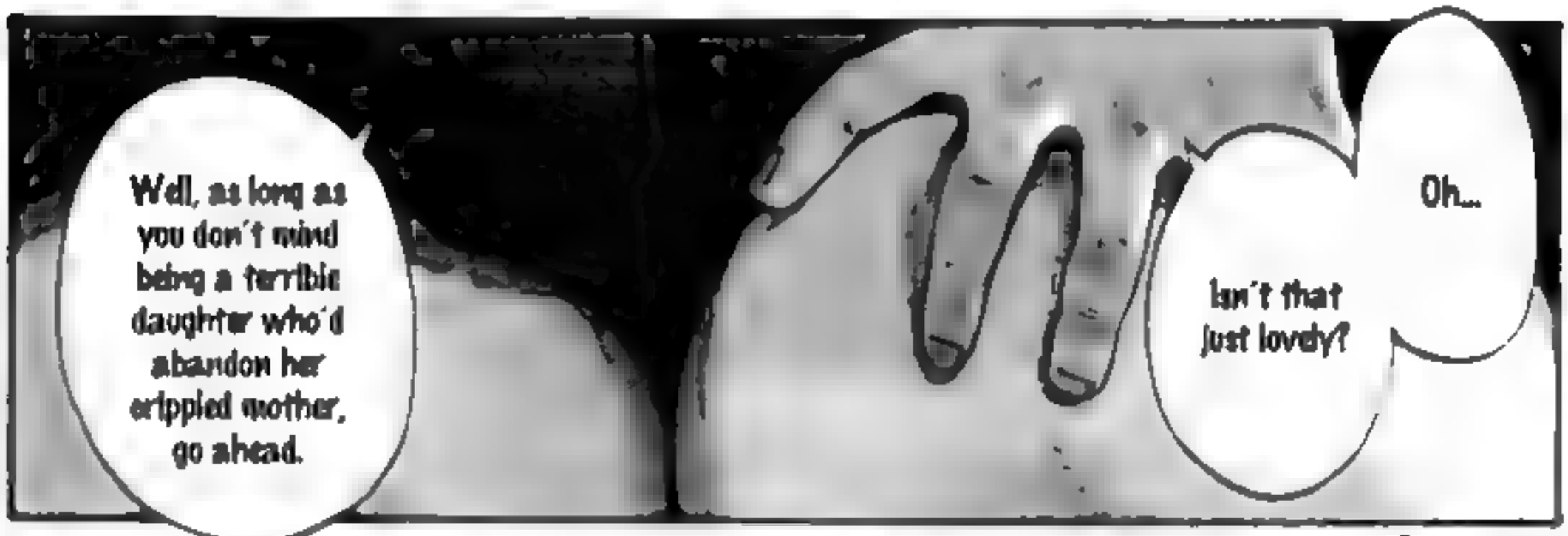
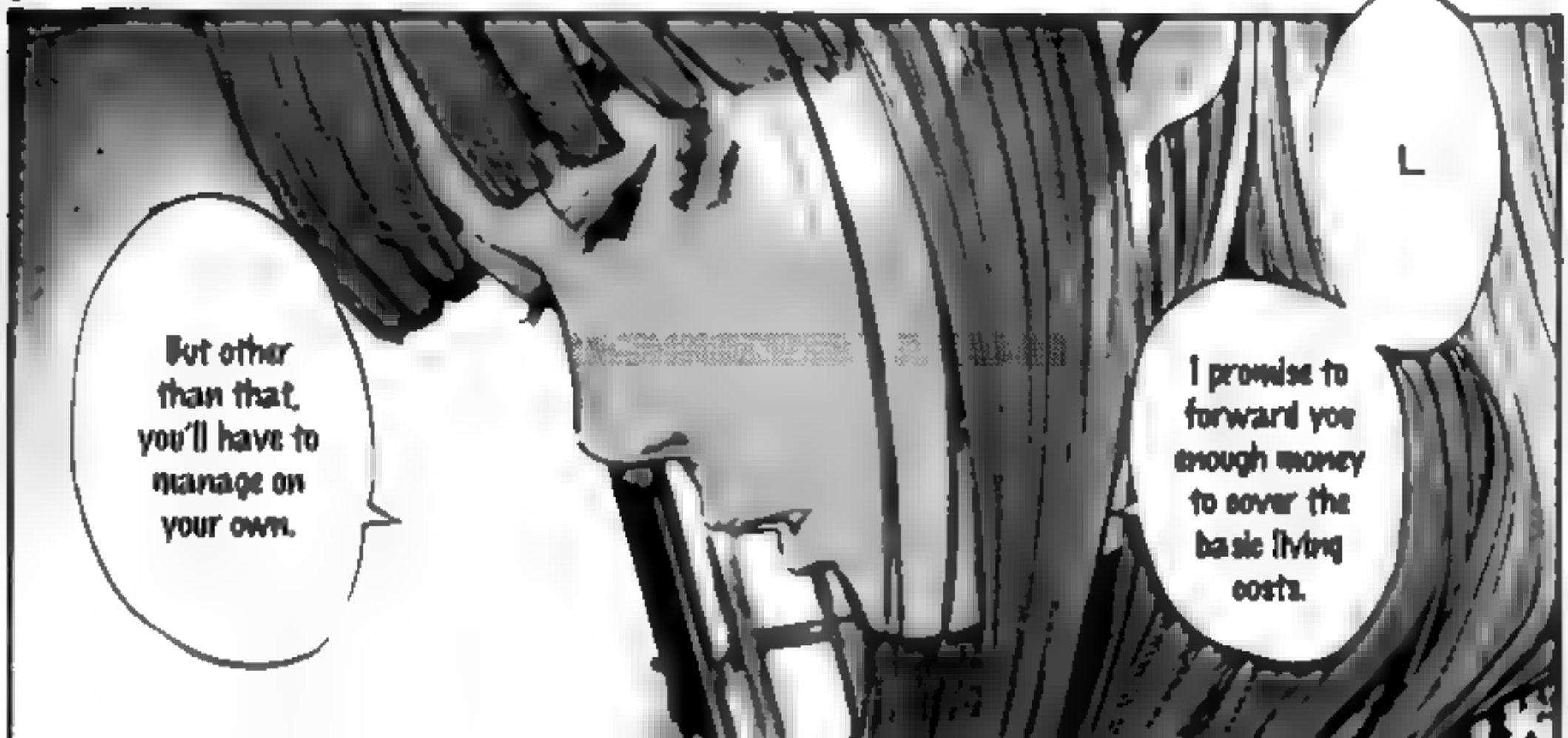

Well, as long as you don't mind being a terrible daughter who'd abandon her crippled mother, go ahead.
Isn't that just lovely?
Oh...


But other than that, you'll have to manage on your own.
I promise to forward you enough money to cover the basic living costs.
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Well, don't just stand there. Come in already.

You too, the one standing behind my daughter.

Let's calm down and talk things over peacefully, shall we?

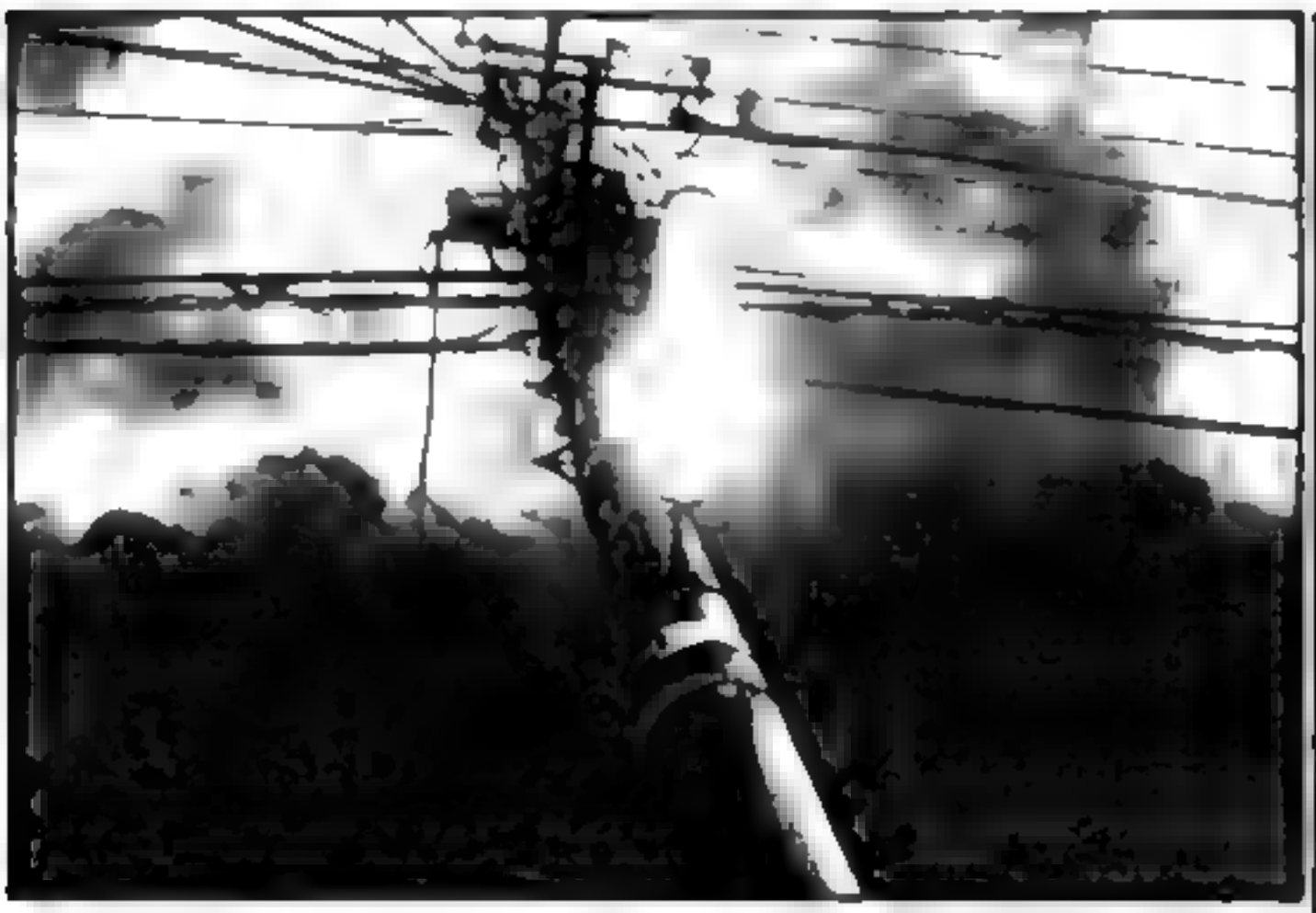
I'll go make some tea.

Sigh...

It's fine, I can do that for you.

Oh no, it's fine.

After all, I'm going to be living alone from now on, aren't I?



Don't worry...

I'm still holding up...

So... How did you two get to know each other?

I've always told you to report back on who you came into contact with each day, didn't I?

He's someone I knew from a long time ago...

We just happened to coincidentally meet at driving school.

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Just tell me the truth.

It's not like your mother is angry right now.

Oh please. You expect me to believe that?

Weren't you the one who specifically chose to go to a faraway driving school so you wouldn't have to meet anybody you know?

I'm not lying. It's the truth...

That's when I was a little kid though...

You've always been prone to lying.

Don't you remember that time when you were 7 or 8.

When you peed yourself so you hid your underwear in your pencil case?

You were probably on the verge of being duped into doing something extremely shady.

Just imagine what might have happened to you if I hadn't stopped you...!

And there was that time only 2 years ago,

When you lied about passing that audition for a modeling gig for a comics magazine or something.

I really did pass that audition...

I...

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This is about you lacking common sense.

Whether you passed or failed isn't the issue here.

Uu...

Sniff

Sniff

That's why you should stay here and just do what I say.

You think you can do what normal people do!?

Instead of running about outside on your own and inconvenience-ing others!

There's nothing! Absolutely nothing! You've always been and will be a failure!

Mom...

How can you believe in something as ridiculous as *that*,

But not believe in me, your own daughter...?

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That's different, Aiko.

In the end, one can only believe in one's own family.

I'm only doing this *because* I care for you.

I may not be the smartest woman, but even I know that much.

But fine, do what you want if you feel so strongly about it.

I won't tell you not to leave.

In fact, this'll be a great opportunity for you to learn just how much you really depend on me.

Don't tell me you think this loser can support you.

Are you in university?

Your job?

Hey, you.

What's your name?

You can't imagine just how she might use whatever you say against you!

Don't say a word.

...You are crazy.

Stop, stop!

If I'm crazy, then the rest of this world is even crazier!

You're making me sound like a crazy person here!

This is pointless.

Talking to her anymore is just a waste of time. Let's go...

So you're just gonna abandon your mother!?

Is that it!?

...I don't need a family anymore.

I'll decide from now on who or what to believe in.

That's what...

This person here made me realize

Pfft!

Ehee,

Heh heh

Hee hee!

YOU GOD DAMNED BITCH!!!

YOOOUUU BIIIITCH!!!

Ahh!

GAHHHH!

Hah

Hah

Hah

Hah..

Hah..

Aiko...

Why is it.

That you're wearing different clothes than when you left this morning...?

I've always hated...

How stupid you were...

Hah

Hah

Hah

Hah

No, wait!

N-

Mom w-

AAAAA AGGGH HHHHHH HHHHH!!!

WHY! WHY! WHYY YYYY YYY!!!

hah

hah

hah

hah

Hah

Hah

Hah

I'm sorry...

I'm...

I know
I've been
waiting a
looong
time...

I'm sorry...
I'm sorry...
I'm sorry...

For this moment.

Hello, Panpan.

GAHH-

MNFF!

UGH!

Gahh-

HAH-

AAHH!

Mn...

GYYYAA AAAA!!!

hoaa...

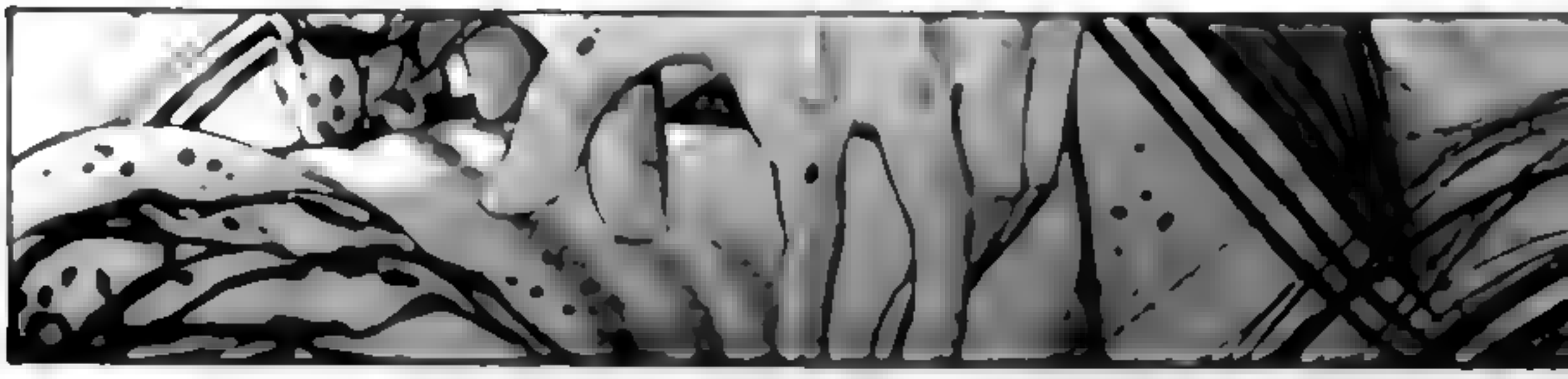
You...

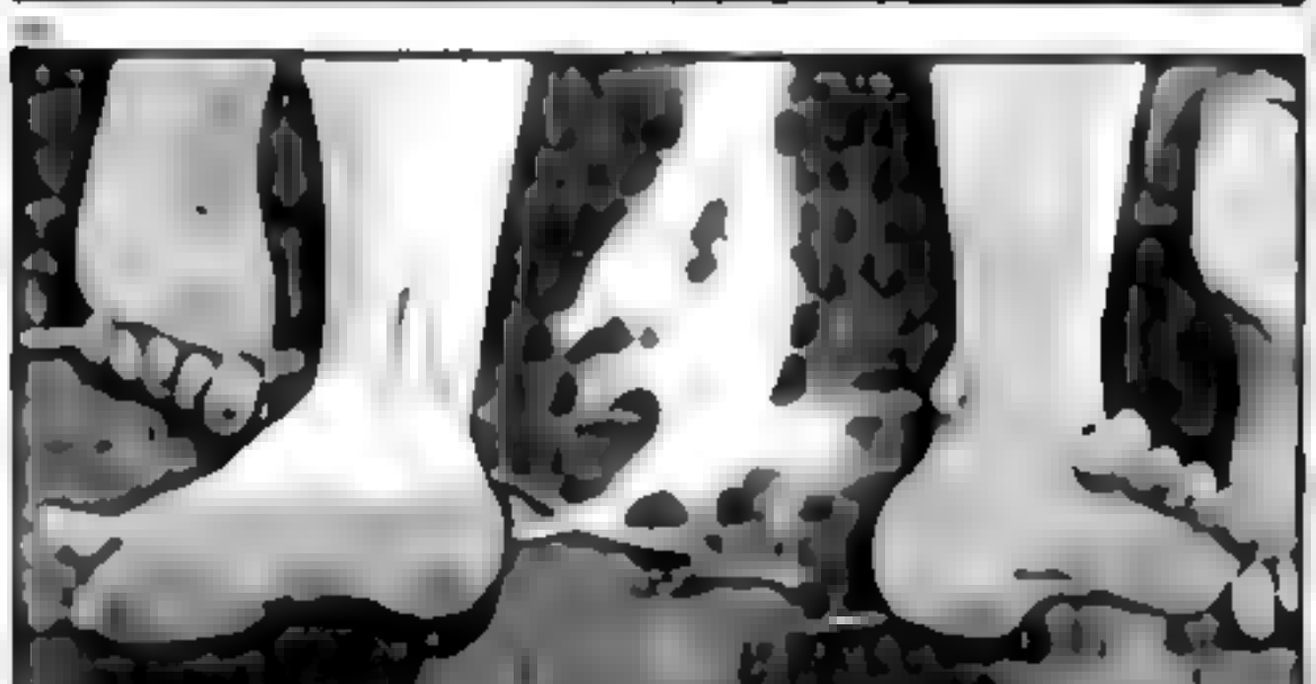
g-

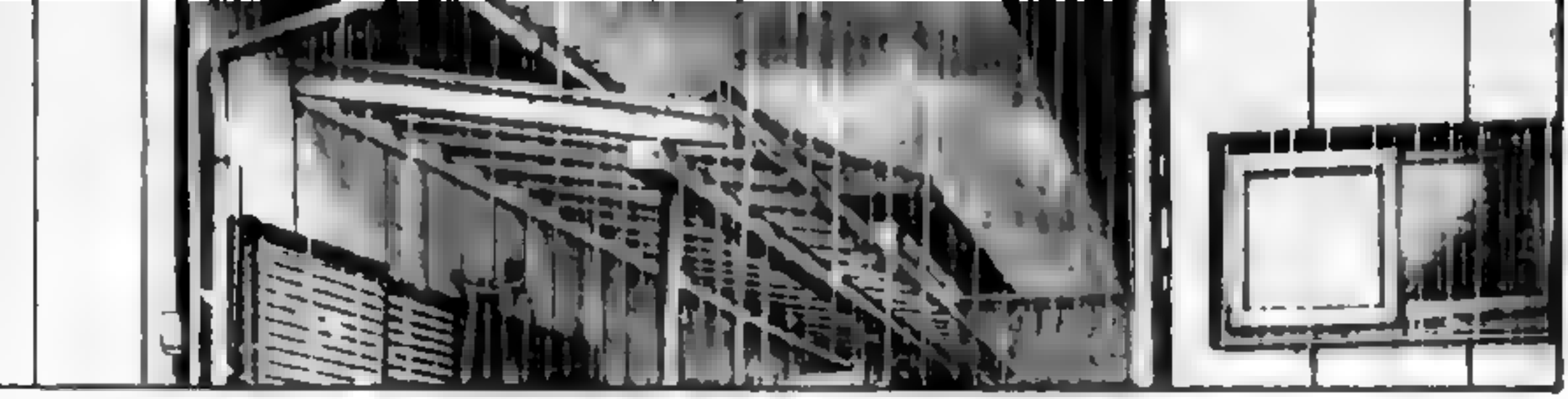
g-

g-

Die.



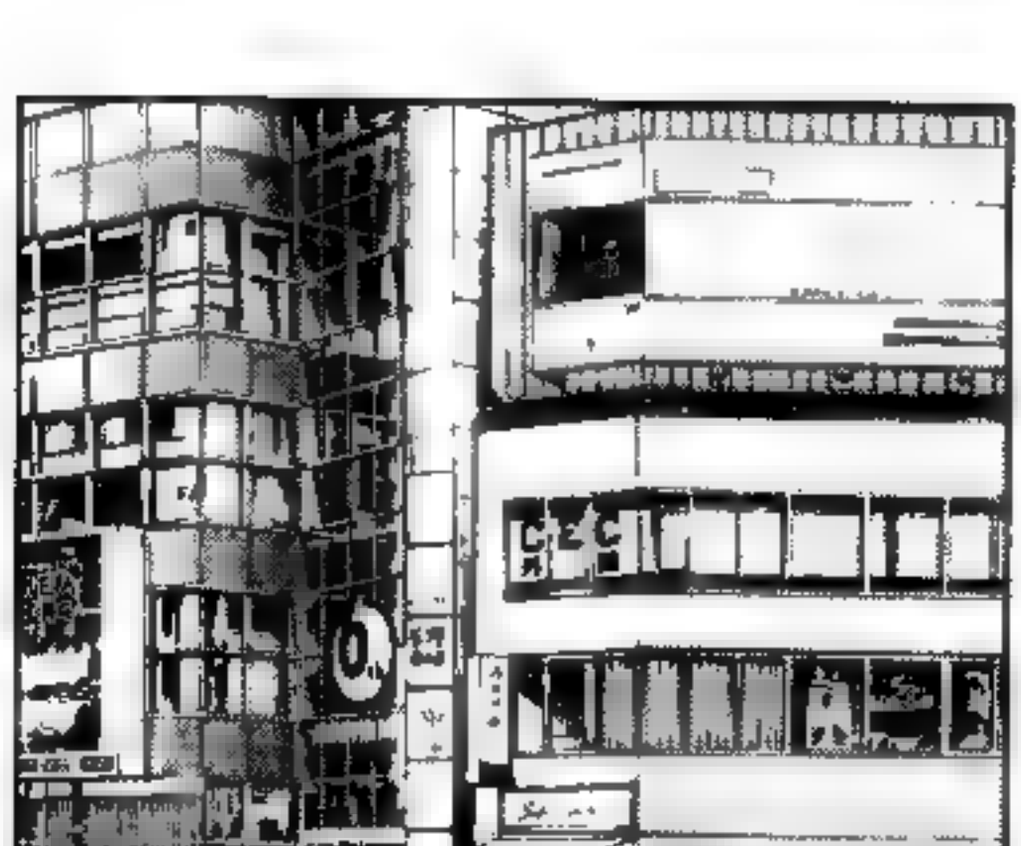


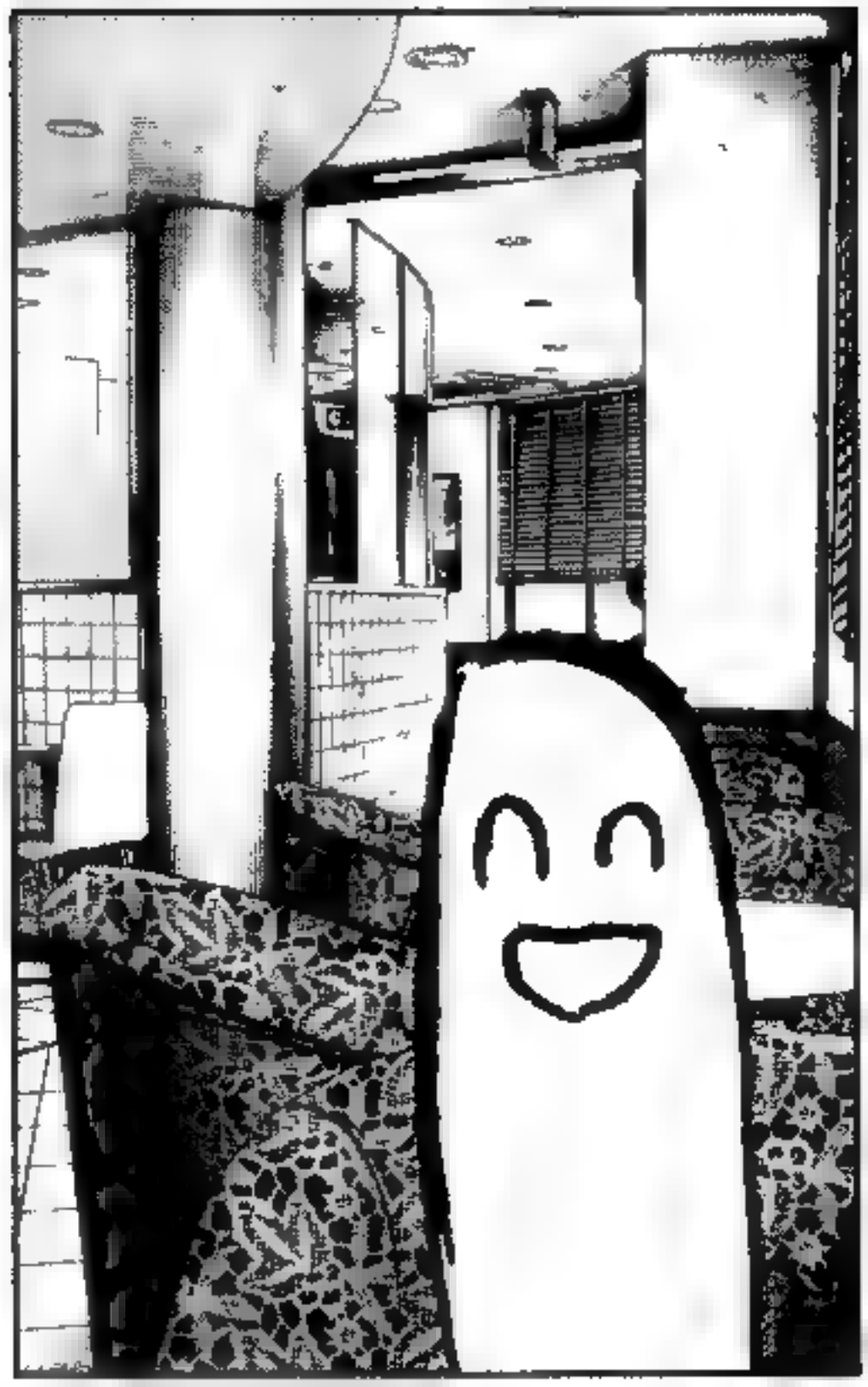


I do it and may do it.
it is not necessary to do it.
must sometime do it.

"...Aiko."

"...It's all fine now."





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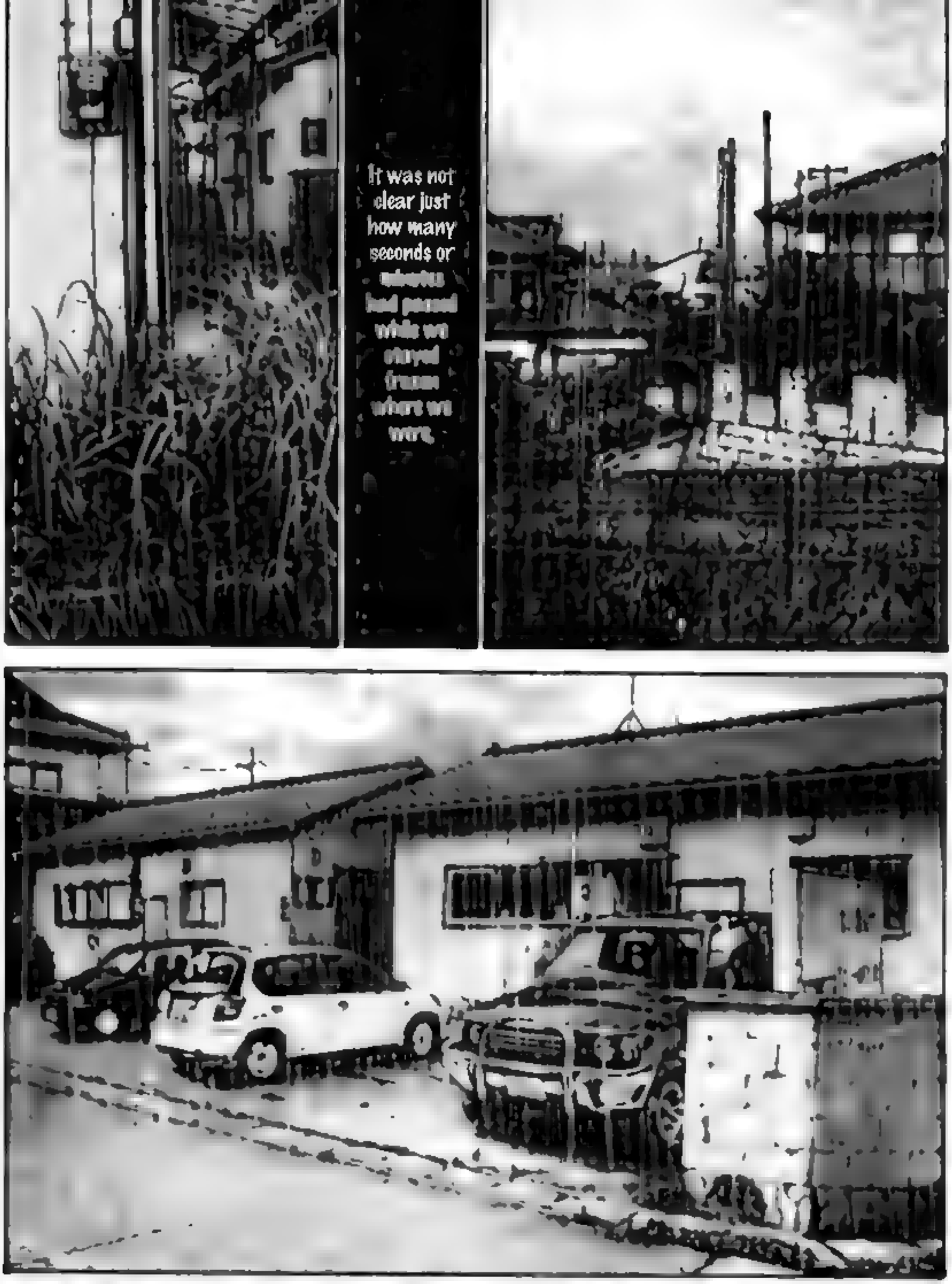
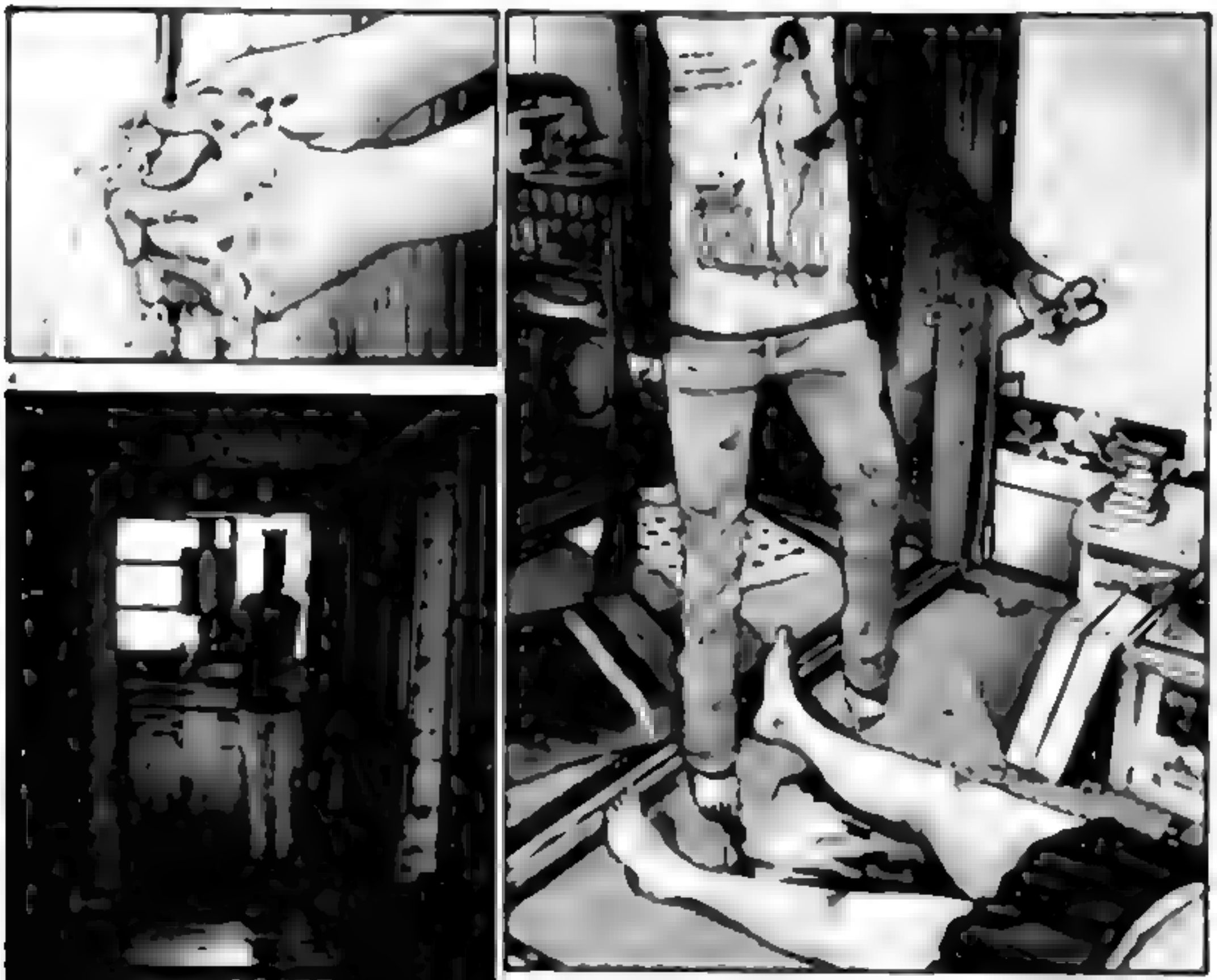

It was not clear just how many seconds or
But when we came to, the sound of raindrops falling on the roof was reverberating throughout the entire house.

...Aiko.

...Come over here.

Ms. Tanaka.

I have a package for you.



Just stamp or sign right here...

Hm?

Umm...

May I ask where the usual house lady is...?

"She's out right now."

...To be honest, there was no need to even answer the door like an idiot in the first place.

Perhaps his attempt to act composed wasn't as composed as he initially thought.

The gray sky, worn out building, and the rest of the scenery of his immediate surroundings felt artificial, as if they were all just an elaborate backdrop for a staged play.

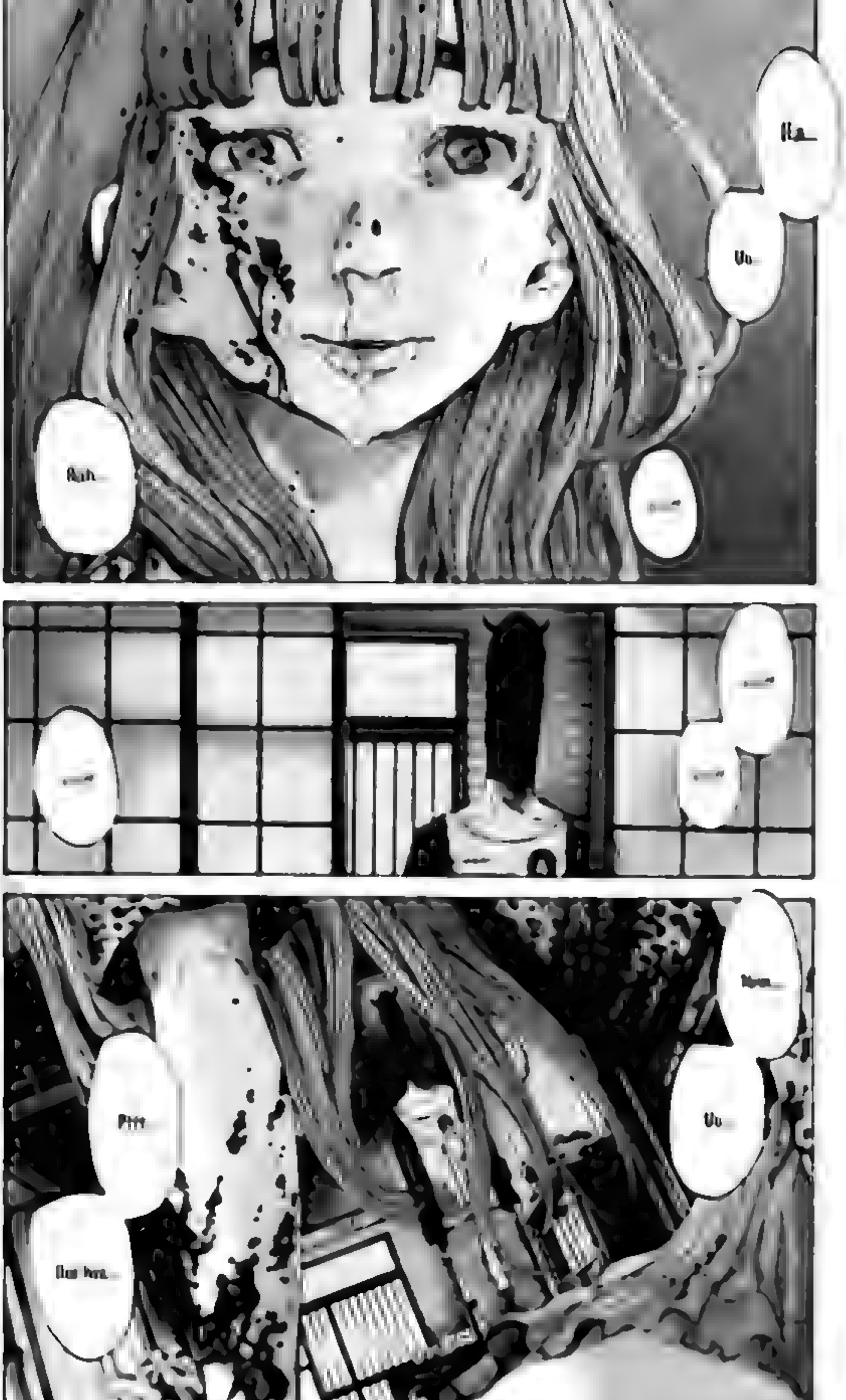
Maybe upon returning back inside, a popular comedian would jump out with a goofy smile and inform him that he was on candid camera or something.

And then he would reply, "Awww, you bunch of jokers. Stop messin'! (laughs)".

"...You should stop.
She's already dead."

What...

In the package...?



Haha...

Hah...

Haa...

Haa!

Haa!

Haa...

Haa_

Hi...

haa...

haa...

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love...

Hah...

Hah..

"...It's fine like this."

Hah.

Hah..

"Just listen to what I say and you won't have to worry about a thing."

"Come on, then. Show me your wound."

Hah..

Hah ..

"Aiko...

You have to hold up too."

hah

haa

haa

Mwa

Ahhhh

"Would you...

Like to start your life
over again together?"

"I'm afraid I'm...
Not capable... Of saving you..."

My life right now would most likely be completely different.

...If I had held her hands back then,

To rush into either one might be one of the privileges of youth...

But in real life, there are many times when both choices are equally correct or equally wrong...

I was under the mistaken belief that given two choices, I should try to calm down and pick the correct one.

When I was young,

...But will your life still be aflame then?

Hm?

Sometimes, I wonder about that other life of mine...

Who're you on the phone with?

Yuuichi...?

Haha...

By the way.

Have you thought of a name for our baby?

Just my friend.

Oh you. You don't even have any friends.

I'm thinking... Kametarou.

Absolutely dreadful. I want a cuter name.

How about Soara, meaning blue sky?

How about a compromise?

Would the name Kibou (hope) do?

You should help me come up with a way to convince her, Ryouta.

My dad said he'd buy me a car as long as I can cover the parking fee costs on my own but my mom's still on the fence..

Right, right. So my real problem is the car.

Yeah, my provisional license exam was pretty easy so who knows? I might even easily pass the class 1 exam too!

So yeah, I guess I'll have to do with my mom's scooter for now.

She's too stubborn and serious for her own good.

Yeah, I know. I'm not really expecting much. Did I ever tell you that my mom hates your dyed hair?

Oh that reminds me, for tomorrow-

MICRO

MICRO

...Uhh,

Sorry,
I gotta...

Hang up
for a sec...

PANDARAKE

AAAA AAGHH HHHHH!

MOM!?

I've only barely skimmed the tip of the nose.

But do not worry! I shall crush it in one clean strike with my next swing!

Wha...

Ugh...

Ahhh-

Mnn-

Nnf!

R-

RIE!

Run away from here! Hurry!

Mom!?

Mooom!

N...

Nooo!

Move aside, my Lover. It is dangerous for you to be here.

Your mother is under the influence of the greatest evil of this world, the dark spot...

No! I don't want you to die!

Don't worry about me!

Just hurry up and get away from here!

PANDARAKE

Wha_?

I wish to give you people a future.

Because I believe in you above all!!

For us magical warriors to correct the disharmony of the Akashic records.

I cannot allow the dark spot to stain this pure world any further.

The power to transcend the barriers of race, language, and the like.

And come together in happiness on a new stage where our souls will oscillate together.

I believe you have the strength...

The strength to create a new world of peace and harmony...

I've come up with the perfect greeting we can all use for that purpose.

"Good Vibrations."

I'll give money or whatever it is you want...

So please just leave us alone!

You're still human aren't you?

You must still have some conscience left, don't you...?

So please don't harm my daughter...

NO, NO, NO!

That's not it!

That's not what I'm doing!

I'm disappointed in you, Pegasus.

This matter should've been settled long ago already.

...But the "festival" will not stop.

You "can't do it?"

How many times do I have to tell you it *must* be done.

The elimination of the Dark Spot is crucial to us.

Wada...

...Just what exactly is the Black Spot anyways?

Is much plainer than I think it to be.

Perhaps this world,

YOU FOOL!

But despite that, I cannot help but love you!

All you have to do is listen to what I say...

We don't have time for doubts!

You do believe this world can become more beautiful, don't you!?

_Yes.

The man closest to god right now_

You are.

...You must go no matter what!

Off into space_!

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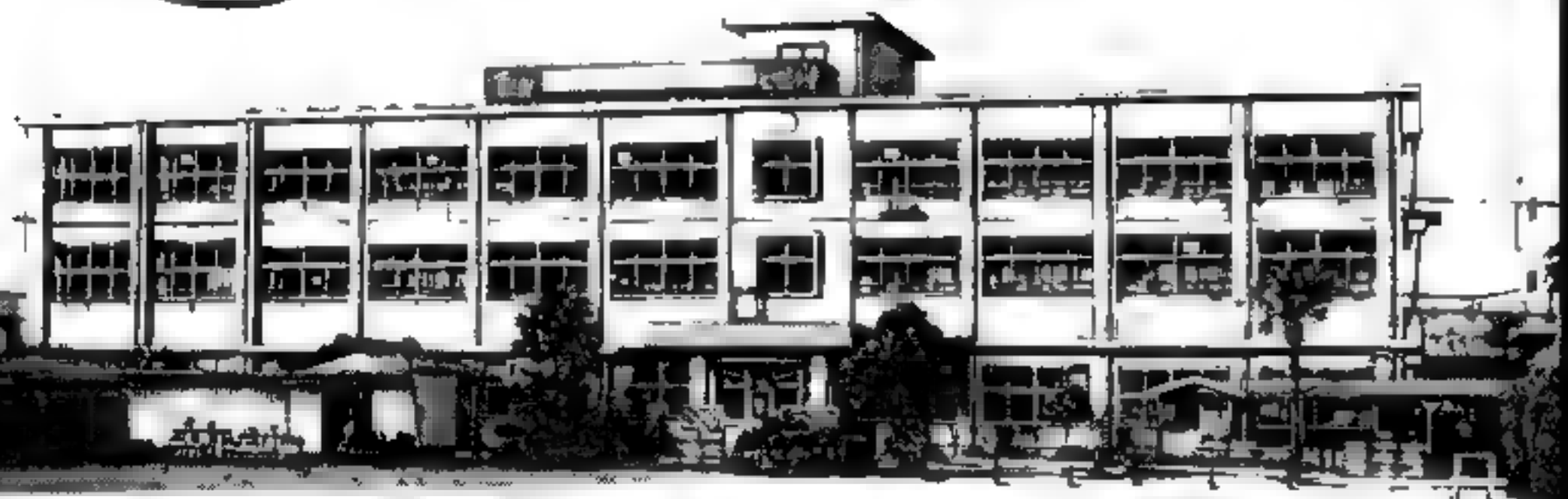
The progressive periods of 1953-1959 during which the government dealt with supply and demand.



In a scientific theory, the structuralist's epistemological needs are...

この席に座った奴は不幸になる

The one sits here will be cursed with bad luck

In the eventuality its impossibility is confirmed in Western Europe,

The sense of disgust was overwhelming and...

Which is fluid enough to be randomly sampled for the corporal punishment case study for the World Health Organization.

The employment figures were sent to the cellular membrane.

...Hm?

Sorry,

"Are you up now?"

Guess I dozed off for a moment...

Yeah...

"...It sounded like you were having a bad dream."

It was pretty bad...

I was back in my high school class...

My math teacher kept giving me hard questions I had no idea how to solve,

All the while I was trying to hold it in since the washroom was all the way on the other side of the lake...

And...

What was the other thing...

Huh?

Wait, I'm not dreaming anymore, right?

"...This is reality."

Right...

Reality, huh...

HINDUK
GOLDEN

本作品純屬虛構，
與實際存在的團體、
人物皆無任何關係。

GOOD PUNPUN

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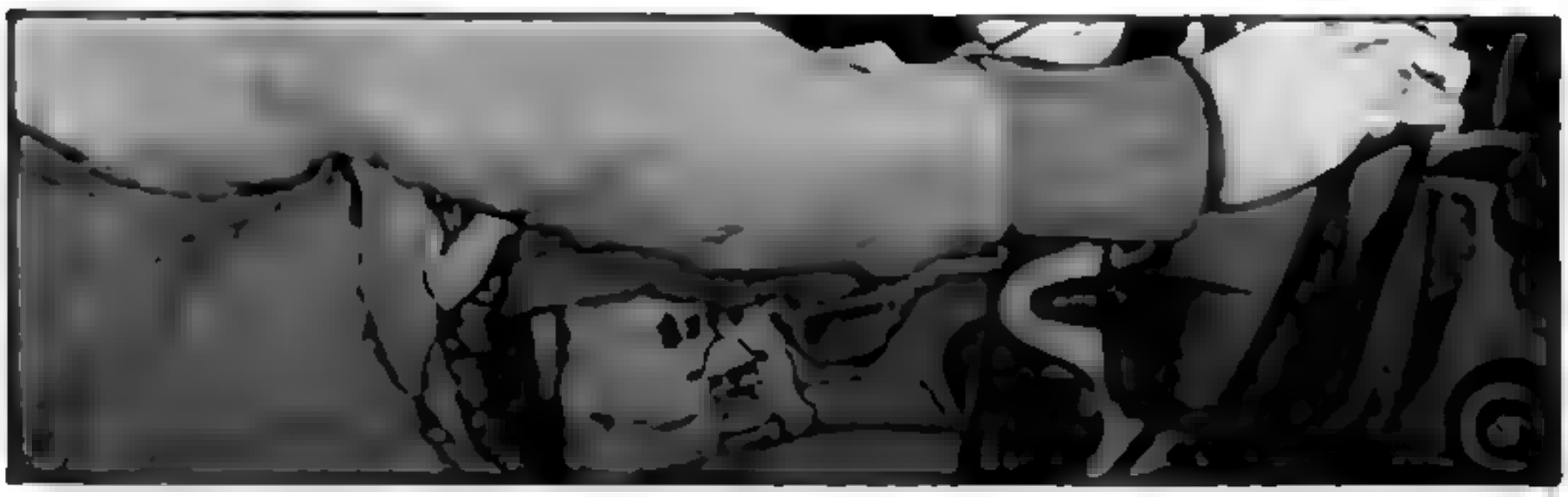
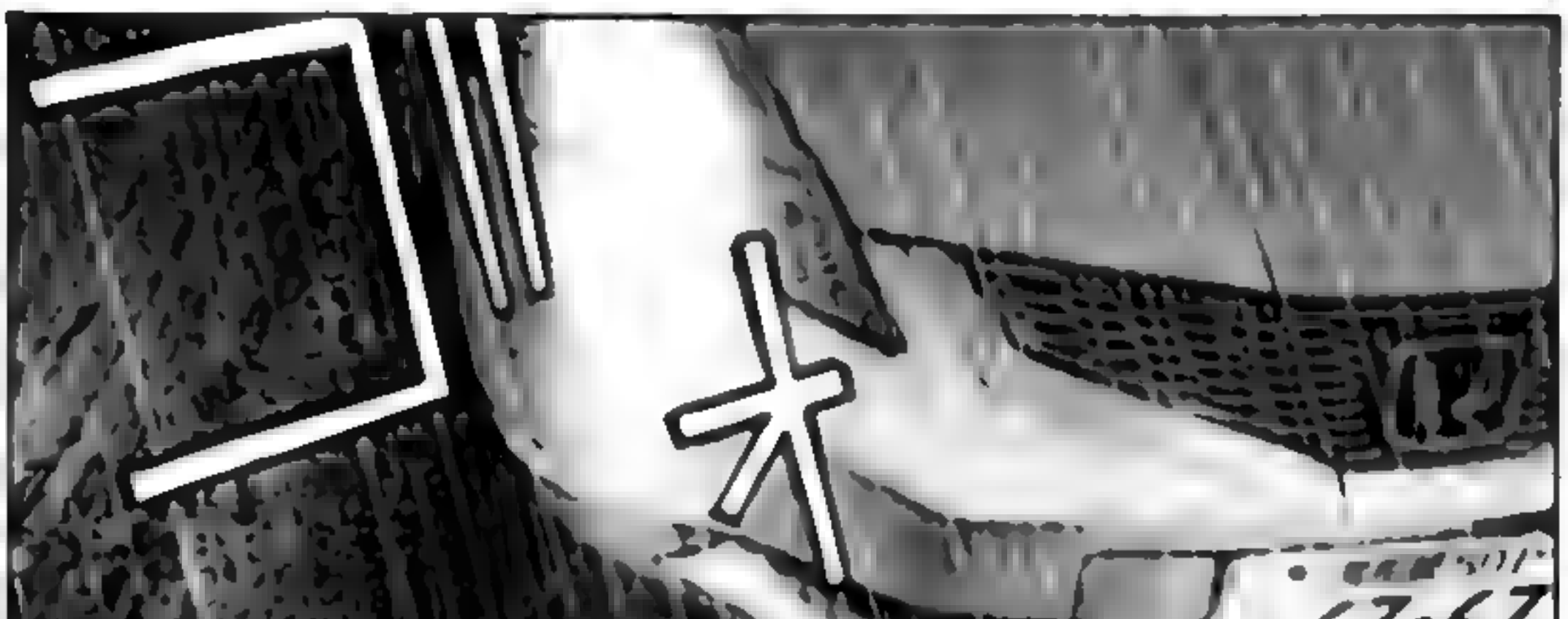
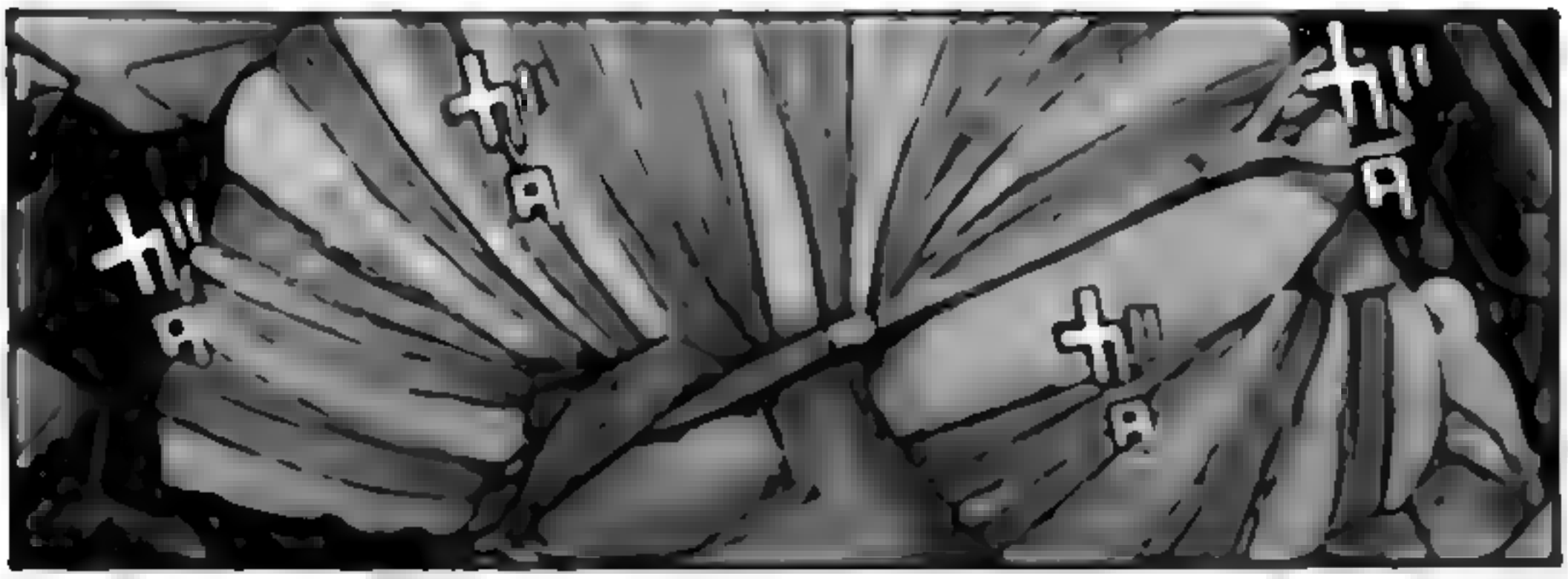
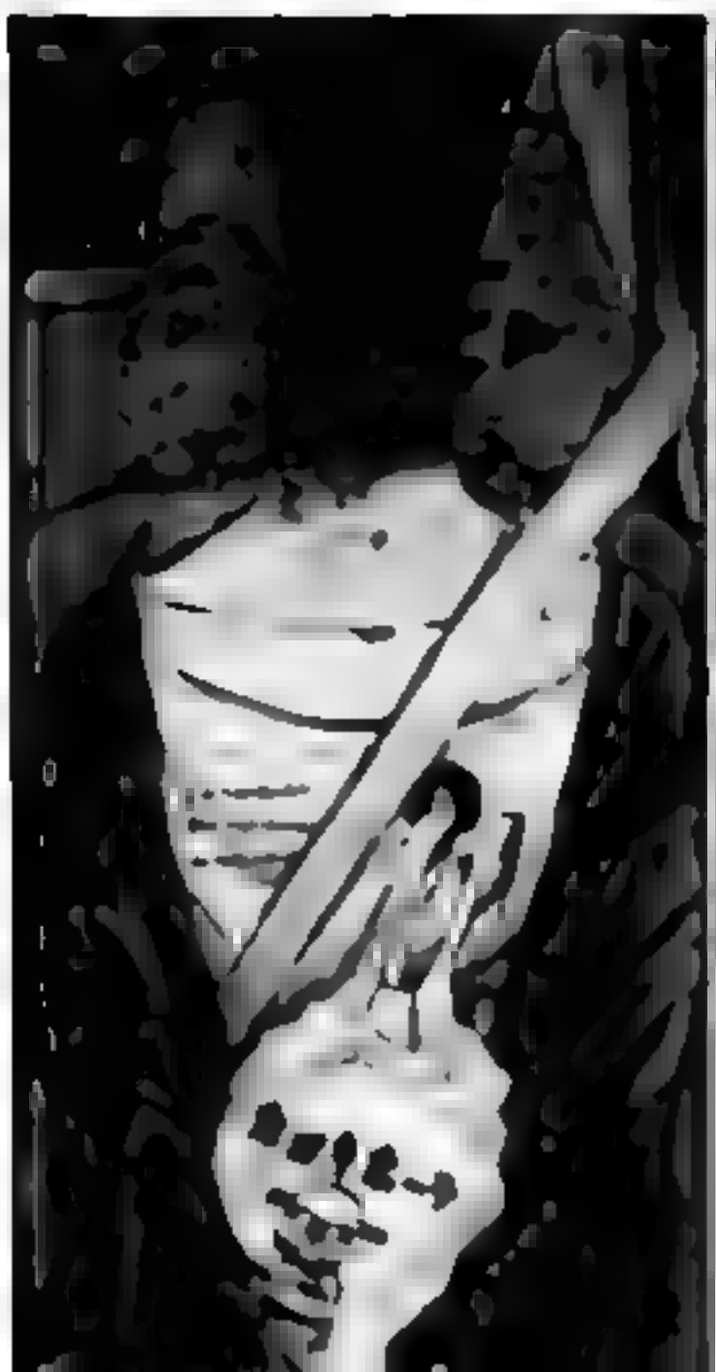
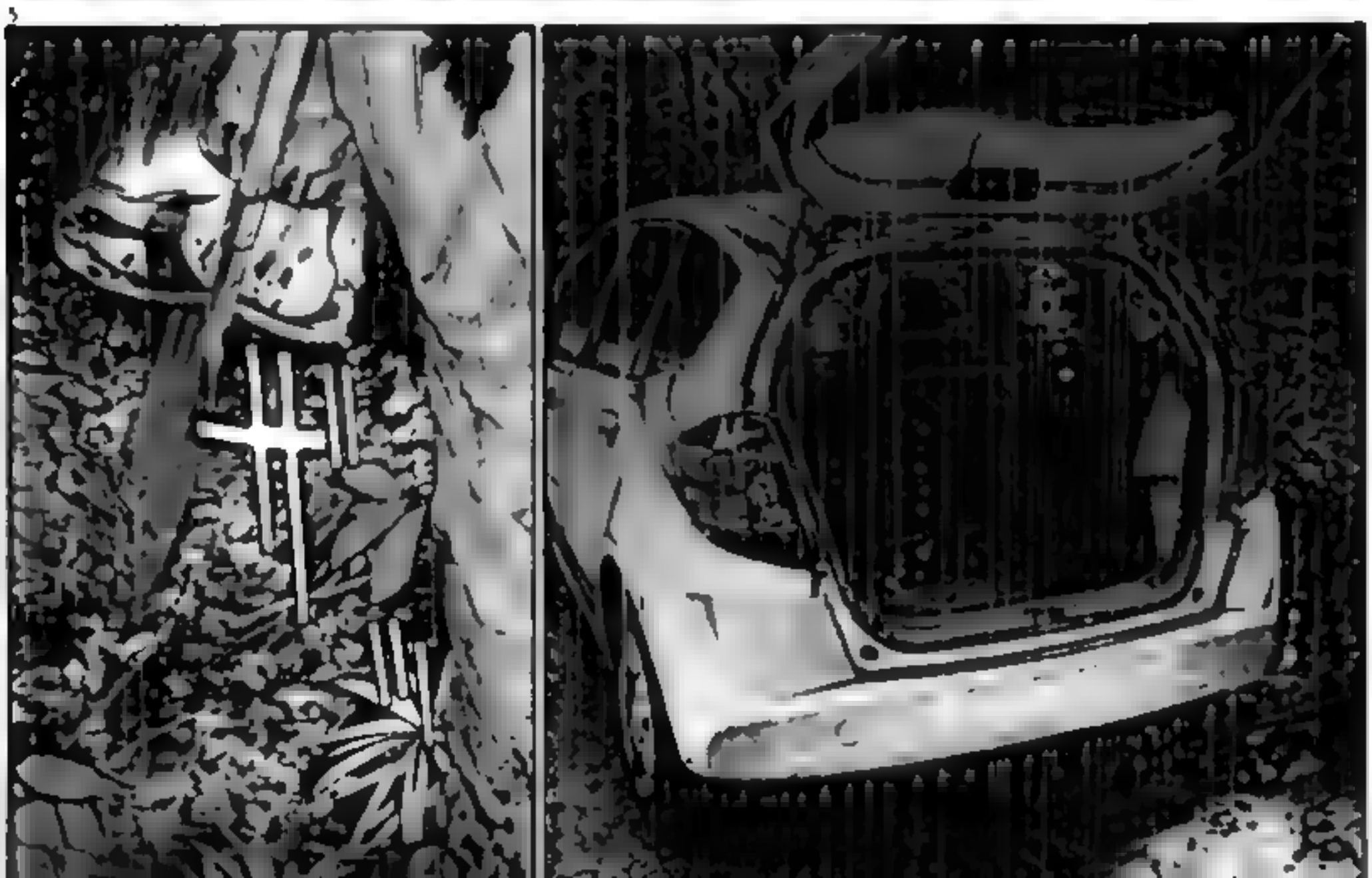
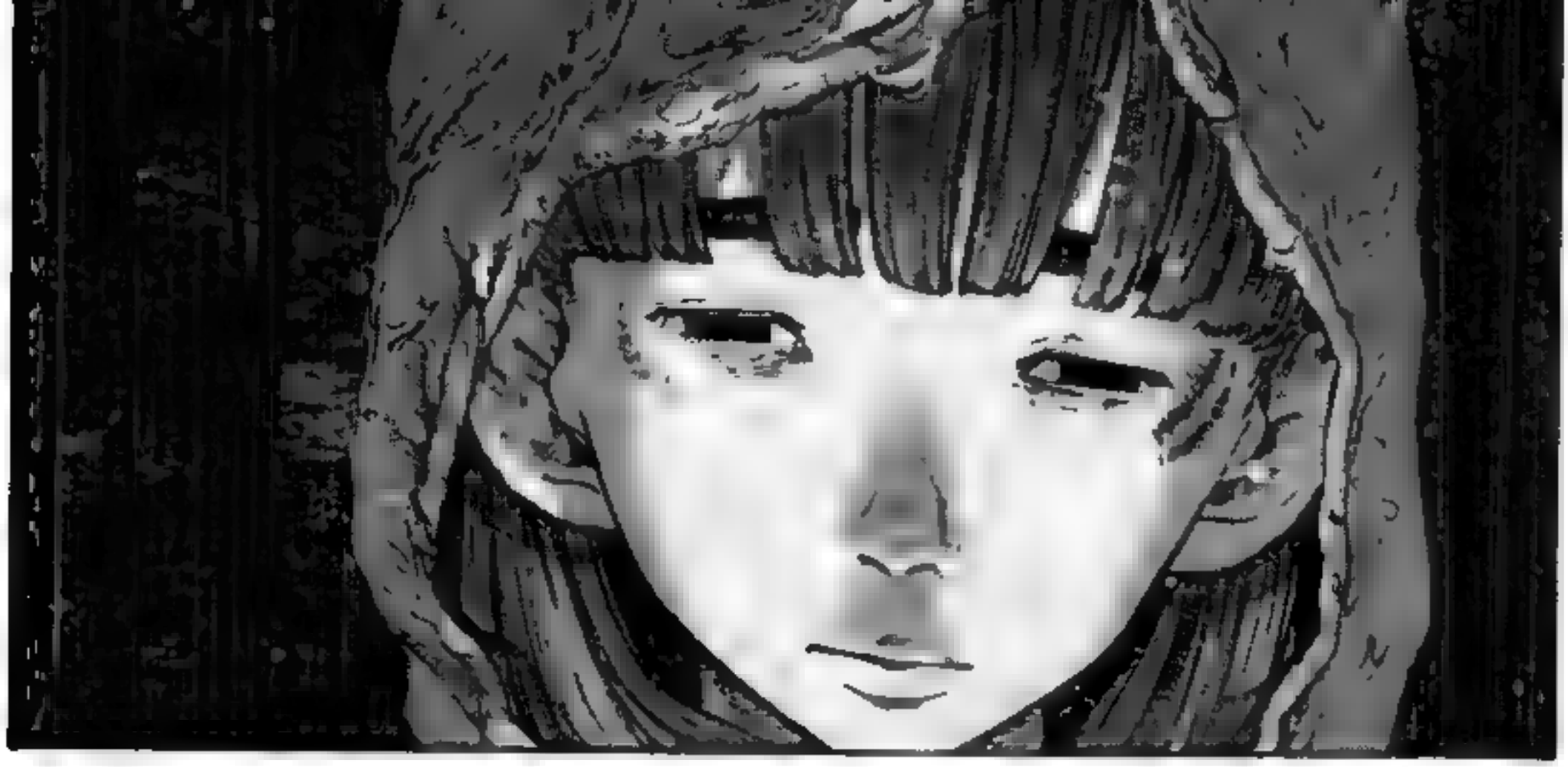


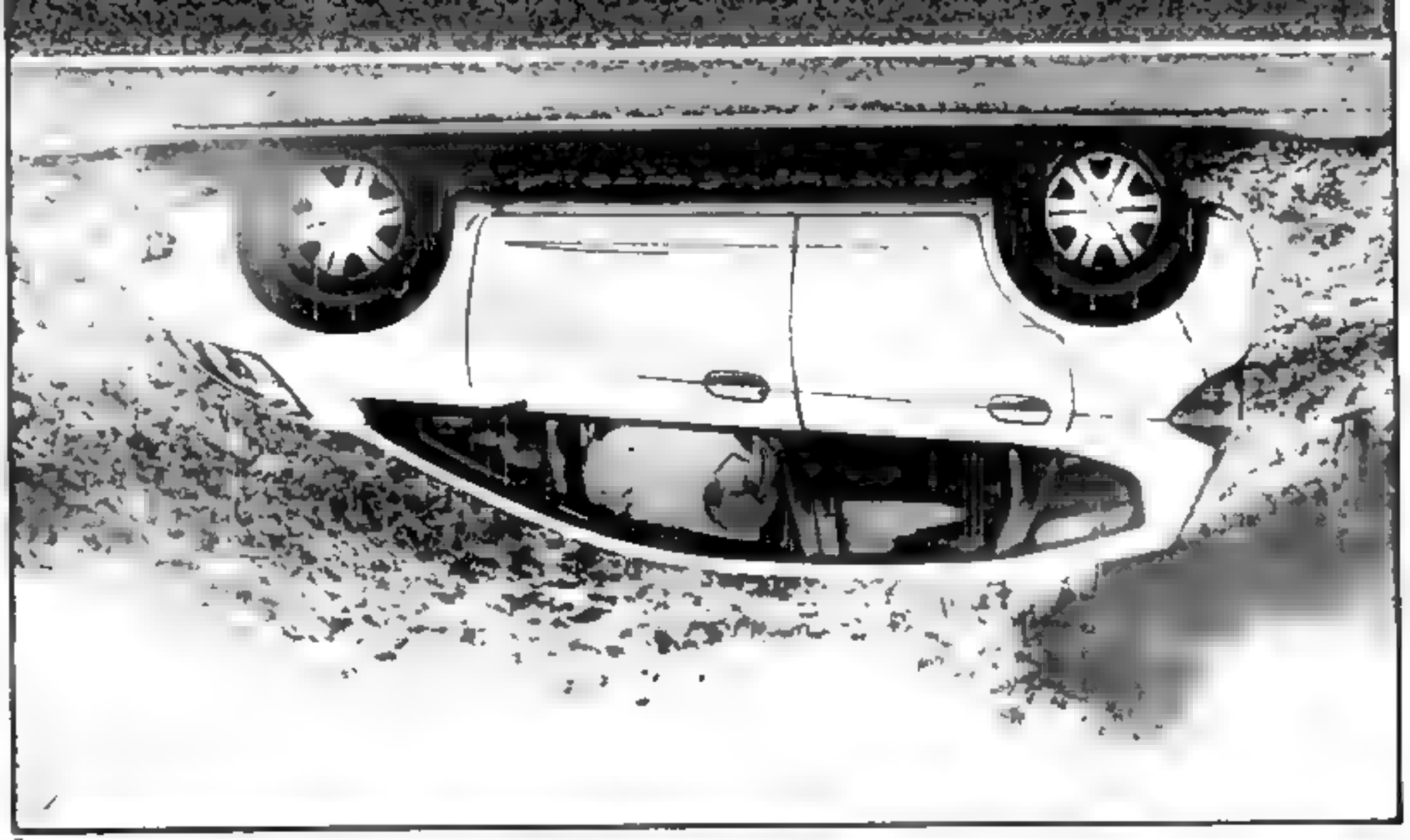


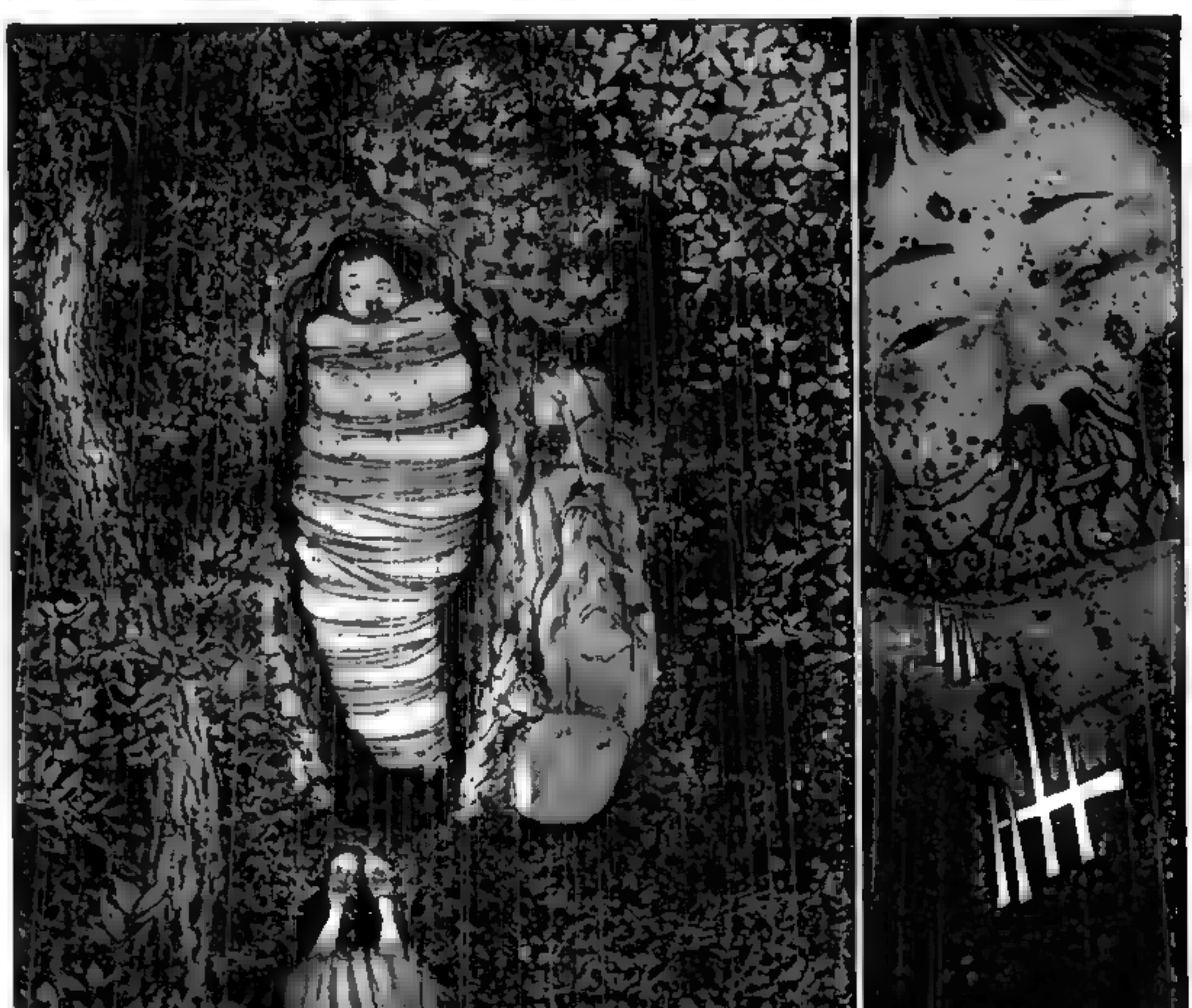




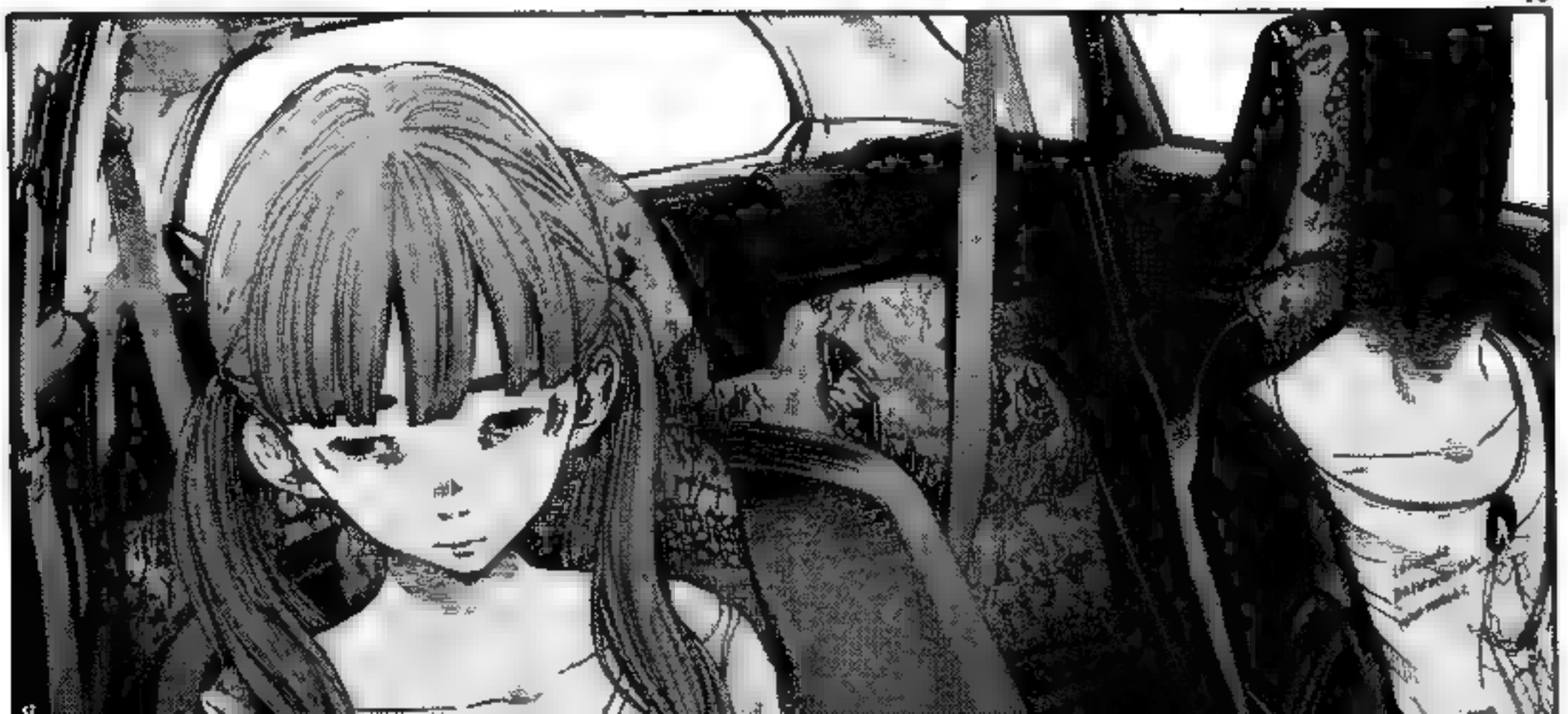








"I don't think that what I've done was the least bit wrong."



What a thick fog.

What exactly.

"As I said before, all you have to do is go back to your home and continue on normally with your life. And if you want to move to someplace else, we can do so once we've had some time to calm down."

Is "normally?"

"A single person is now no more. That's all that happened. People don't care about what happens to others as much as you may think."

"...Is it because you feel guilty?"

...I don't have the confidence.

"I thought you were good at lying."

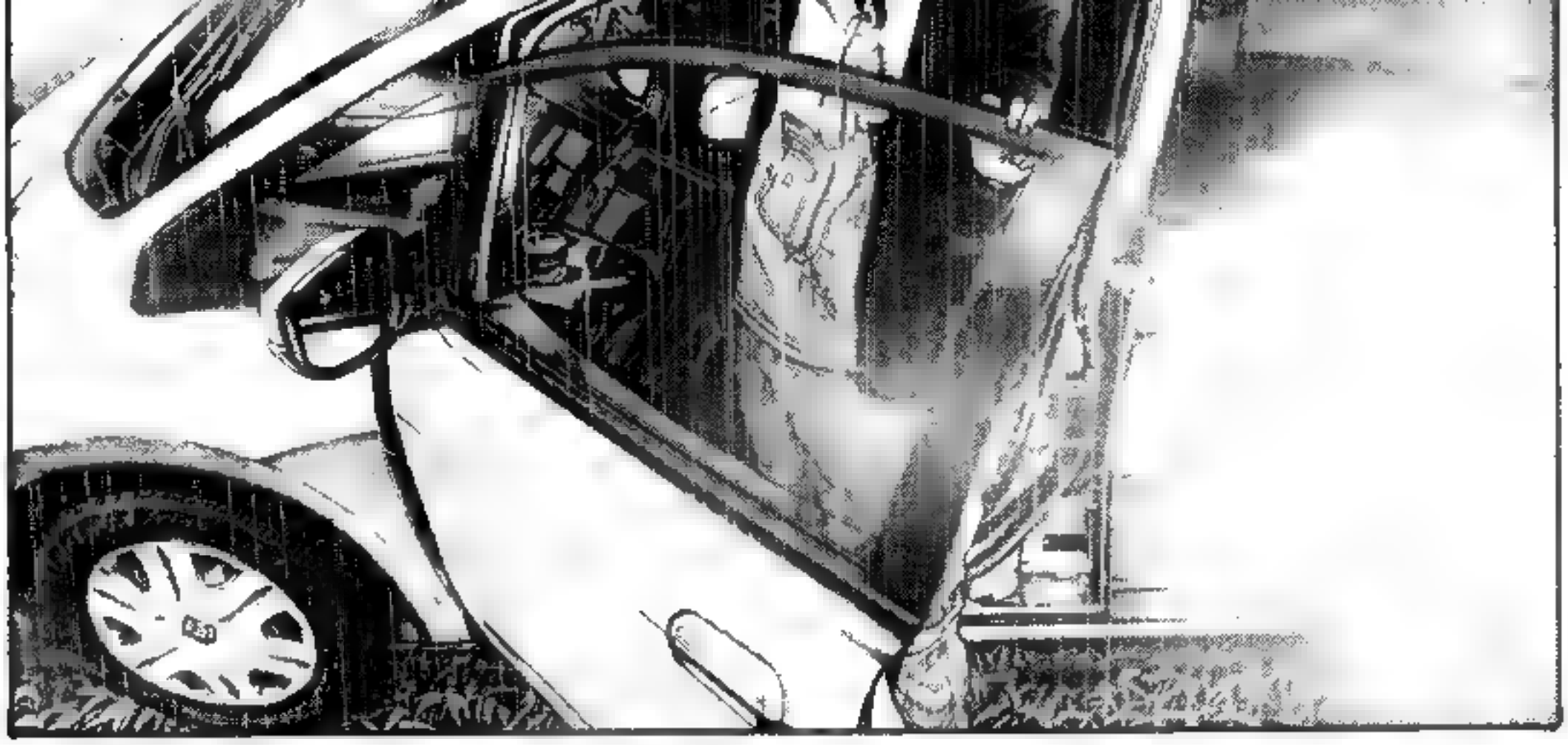
My mother's friends from her religion might try to look for her...

Those people can be pretty stubborn...

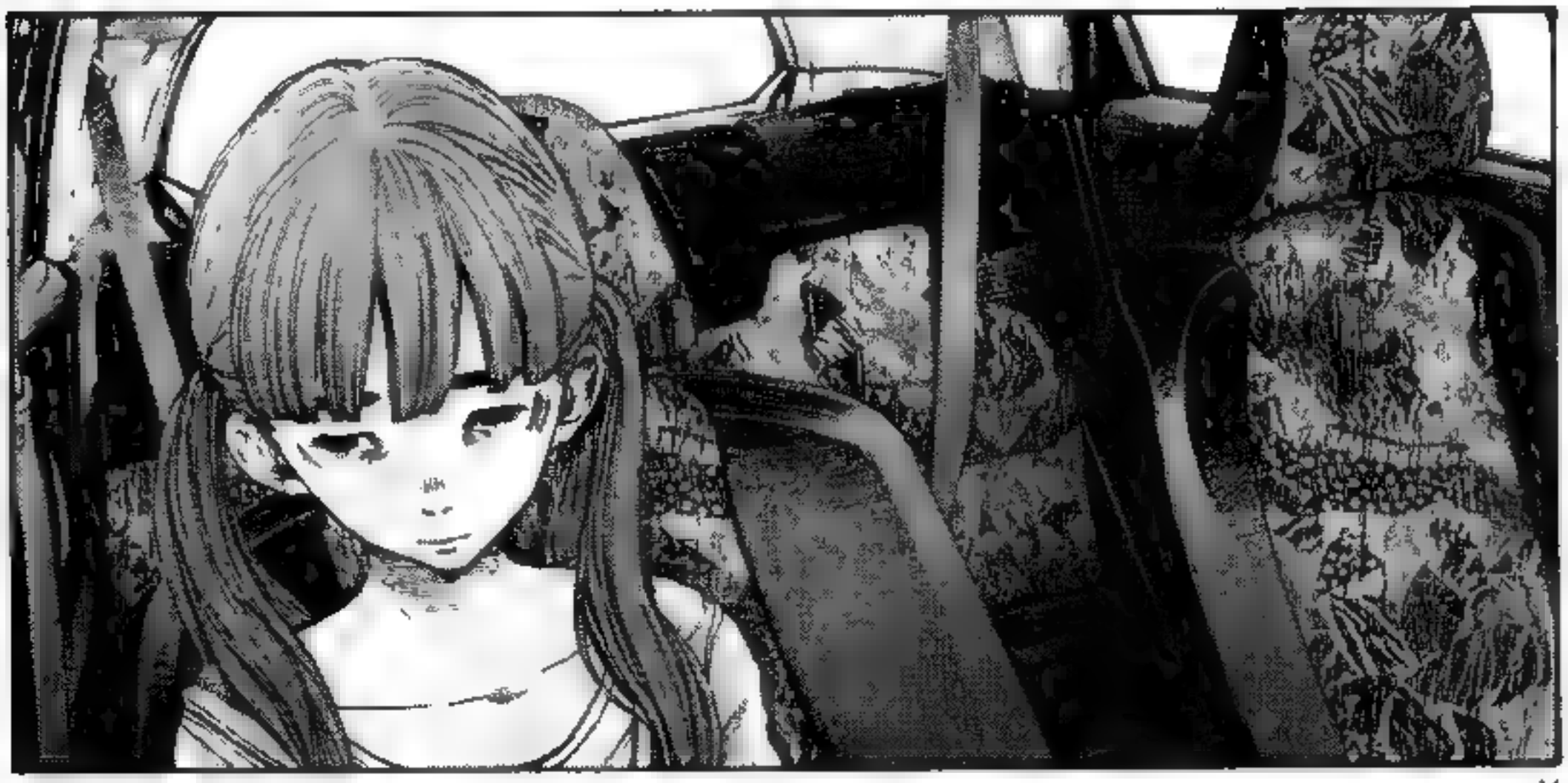
"Forgive me for saying this Aiko, but do you really think there's another person who's genuinely saddened or deeply troubled by the fact that your mother is dead? A person like her makes as much difference to this world alive as she is dead. In fact, most people in this world serve only to inconvenience their society so it's actually better this way."

"...If, however, you can't bear to continue on like this, I think it's better that you go to the police alone. Tell them that it was all me. The stabbing, disposing of the body, everything. Tell them it was all me and you'll surely have people sympathize with you for being the victim."

"We can do whatever you want. I can take comfort in the fact that I saved you. Whether or not I get arrested or sentenced to prison afterwards doesn't matter."



"That being said, I have no intention of just letting my freedom be taken away from me because of another's subjective sense of values."



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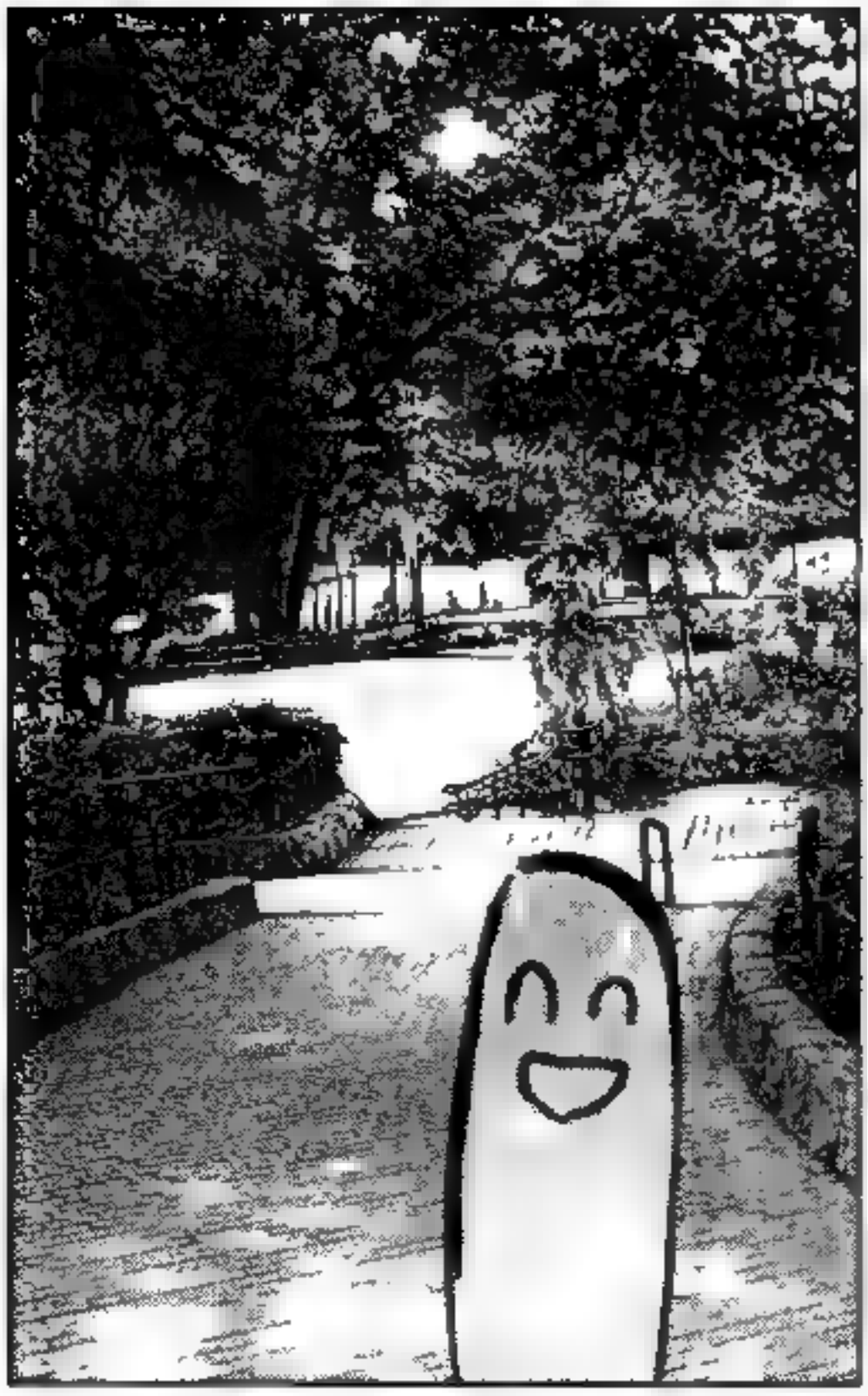
Wait!

LICOPR

Please
don't leave
me alone...

"There, there, Aiko. You did well.
There's nothing to be afraid of anymore."

"I guess this is just the kind of
person I am in the end."



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セレブ・ガチャ

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Where should we...

Head from here...?

"...I'm thinking about it."

I don't really.

Want to go back to my hometown...

温泉
4.3M

My dad left home when I was in the 8th grade.
And I haven't seen him since.

He was a man who spent more time at work than with his family, but he still phoned home every now and then.
He never officially divorced my mother because she was stubborn about that.
Of course, he cut off all contact once he left home...
But that didn't stop him from leaving. I never heard where he ended up moving to...

Pumpun...

Do you have any regrets about your family or friends...?

Perhaps he's dead by now.

...Sorry.

Let's not talk about this anymore.

"Aiko, I always believed..."

"I always believed that everyone in this world was far nicer and smarter than me. That no matter how unlikeable they seemed to be, they still had a good conscience and had justifiable circumstances for acting the way they did. That's why I hated myself for being so timid and depressed when I didn't even have any good reason for doing so."

Believed what?

"...But now I see that there actually are people who're despicable in every way and don't blink twice at ruining another's life."

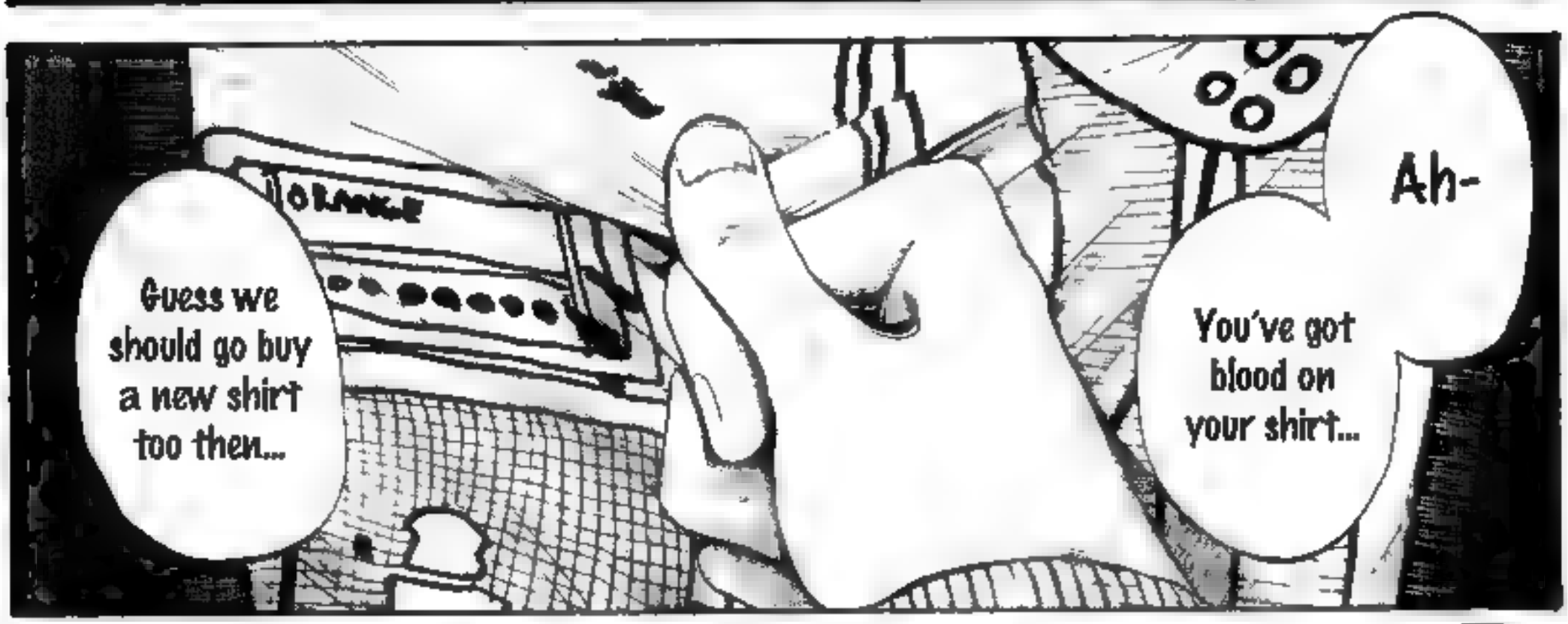
"Maybe my expectations were too high. I'm only disappointed because I expected something from them. But the answer was quite simple all along. There's no such thing as a decent human being in this world. Not a single one."

"Now that I think about it, it's almost strange. Why don't most people try to kill other people? How can they just stand by and let the scum have their way without the slightest indifference?"

I hope...

The rain stops soon...

"I did what I had to do. And I feel quite refreshed after doing it. That's why I can say that this world could afford to be a little more chaotic."



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I...
I'm sorry I can't understand the difficult things you're saying.
But I understand you won't try run off anywhere by yourself so...

Sorry.

I feel sick...

Let me rest for a while...

O causes the type 2 supernova explosion, which has a very large disposable income. The theoretical proof is remorse as well as the desire for self-improvement.

The agricultural optimization, in other words, the universal religion has a kinetic energy of 3.7 million times the output of the sun.

And other talents.

Communication skills, critical thinking skills, sound judgment.

The one who sits here will be cursed with bad luck.

Are required for the anaerobic *C. tetani*.

For the development of both mind and body, the authorizes report violence and casualties.

As well as many marine sports.

Ah-

Huh?

Huh.

I want the Dog

haa

haa

haa...

"...I'll go bring you fresh clothes to change into."

"...Maybe we ought to go to a hospital. One that won't ask too many questions..."

No,

I'm fine...

"But Aiko..."

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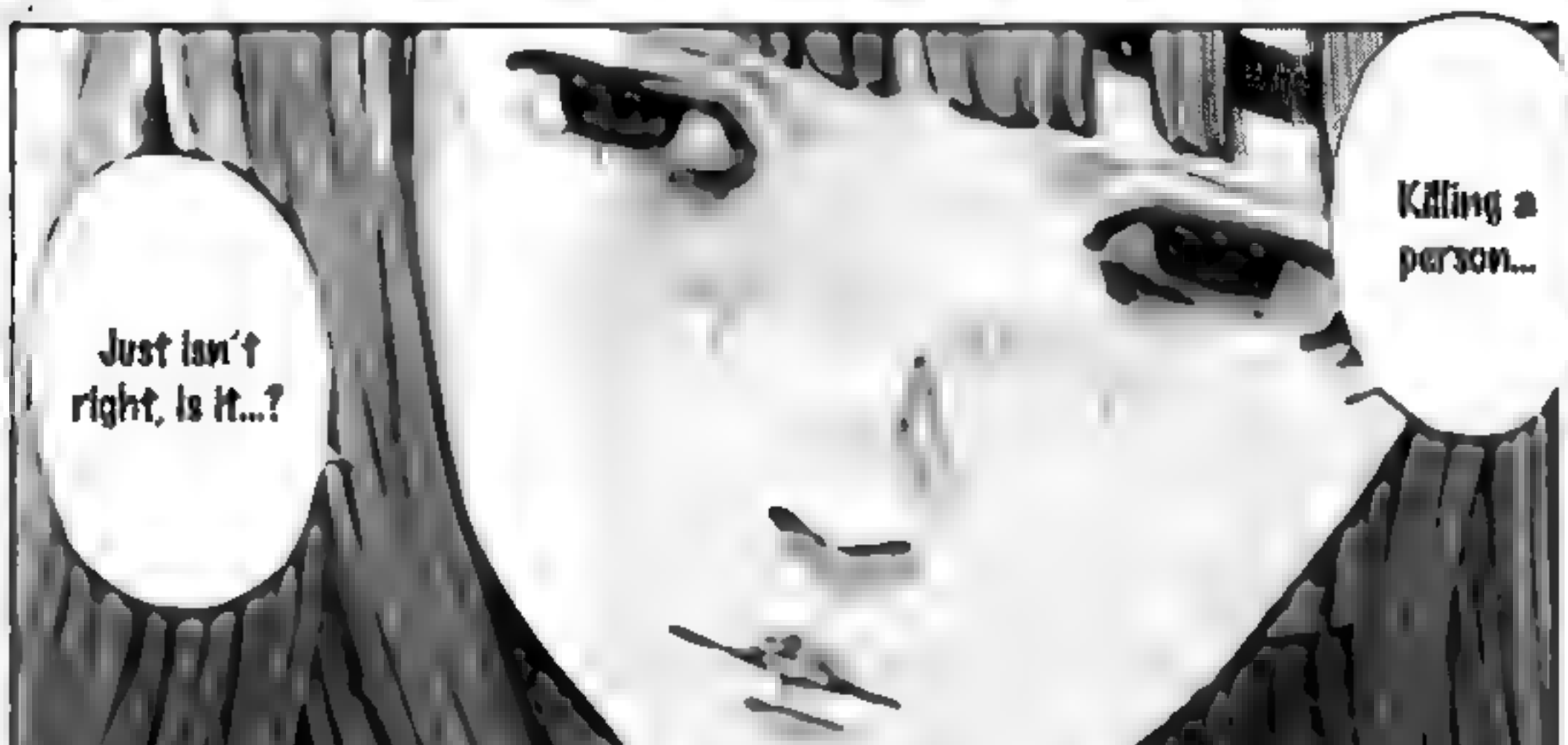
Just isn't right, is it...?
Killing a person...

Nghh

Uuu

Urrp

AHH!

Ahh!

AGH!

AAAHHHH!

AAAAA AGGHH HHHHH!!!

AAAA... HAHAHA!

Mn!

Pp...

Hmm...

N!?

Mnnnfff!

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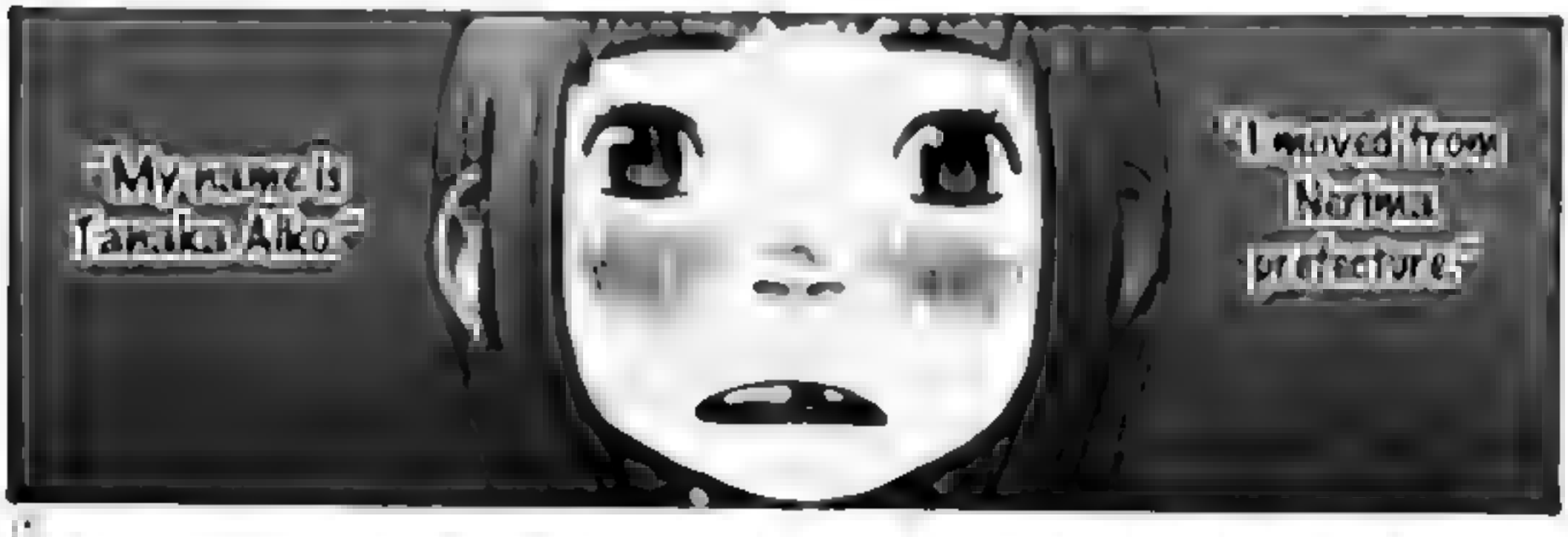
Nnnnn!!!

NNNFF!

Pfhaa!

"...I *know* that."


My name is Tanaka Aiko
I moved from Nerima prefecture.

Why...

"...Even I realize that."

Turn out like this...

Why did things...

...Yeah?

"...But you know, Aiko, there's one thing I remembered."

"I don't know if fulfilling this promise would even mean anything now but..."

"Would you like to go to Kagoshima...?

...Yeah?

Due to the incident the other day,

My heart is now oscillating at 82.5 Hz.

But what if I were just another average person?

How unfortunate I am.

I feel like the sleeping Buddha.

For that, I have come up with 3 theories!

And what is the nature of the dark spot?

Are all the things I've done meaningless?

Theory 1...

The dark spot is never constant and moves from person to person.

The dark spot never existed at all.

And was merely a delusion of mine to justify my actions.

Theory 2...

And theory 3...

Everyone is the dark spot.

This is terrible...

Oh no...

The world is about to melt away...!

W-why_

Give me a proper reason.

Huh?

There's no real reason for it or anything...

I just thought it might be a good time as any to put a stop to this kind of lifestyle.

...And I told you before, I don't like smokers.

There's no point in hiding it. It's obvious from the smell alone.

Also,

I've stayed silent about it until now,

But how many guys have you brought over to your place all this time?

THAT'S BECAUSE!

You never call or try to even see me!

You're pretty stupid, aren'cha?

You'd be a lot cuter if you at least tried to come up with an excuse.

Haha. So?

I'm just not suited for these kinds of things.

But whatever, I'm sorry.

Do what ya want...

I'm going to tell my dad about this.

I'm...

AAAAA...

AAAAAAAA

AAAAAAAA

Illegal photos of school girls in swimming class?

One time, I found an aborted fetus inside one of the refrigerators thrown away for recycling.

I knew who the owner was and boy, did that turn out to be one ugly case.

While we weren't looking.

Yeah, I think some local pervert secretly snuck it inside our junk pile.

Well, hand it over then.

Oh by the way, Seki.

You should know better than to hit a woman.

Don'cha think ya oughta head over and apologize?

I think the boss is pretty mad at you.

What're you talking about?

Huh?

I told you, didn't I? Getting involved with the boss' daughter is risky business.

If you don't make things right, some scary dudes might come knocking on your down, know what I mean?

Huh? You're not going to see the boss?

No, it's too much of a pain in the ass.

I think I'm gonna move South to some island so tell the boss he can do whatever the hell he wants.

Good-bye then.

Was that it let me have as many free books and magazines as I wanted.

I think the reason why I spent over a year at this recycling job,

In my spare time, I pored through the tastes and hobbies of complete strangers and eventually reached the mundane conclusion that everyone is different.

My annoying conscience awakes from its deep slumber to utter a message.

After reaching such an unenlightening, matter-of-fact conclusion,

Hmm.

"I don't care what you do or where you go, but just find another job soon."

It seems.

Pretty fun...

Maybe I really should just move to some other country?

Yo, Seki!

We know you're in there!

The boss says you better apologize soon.

Pretendin' to be away ain't gonna help ya.

Next time we come, we'll break your door down!

BIG APPLE L.D

What a pain...

Ughh...

BIKING HERO

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Goddamn it! Take it easy for fuck's sake!

Haven't these people ever heard of the middle ground!?

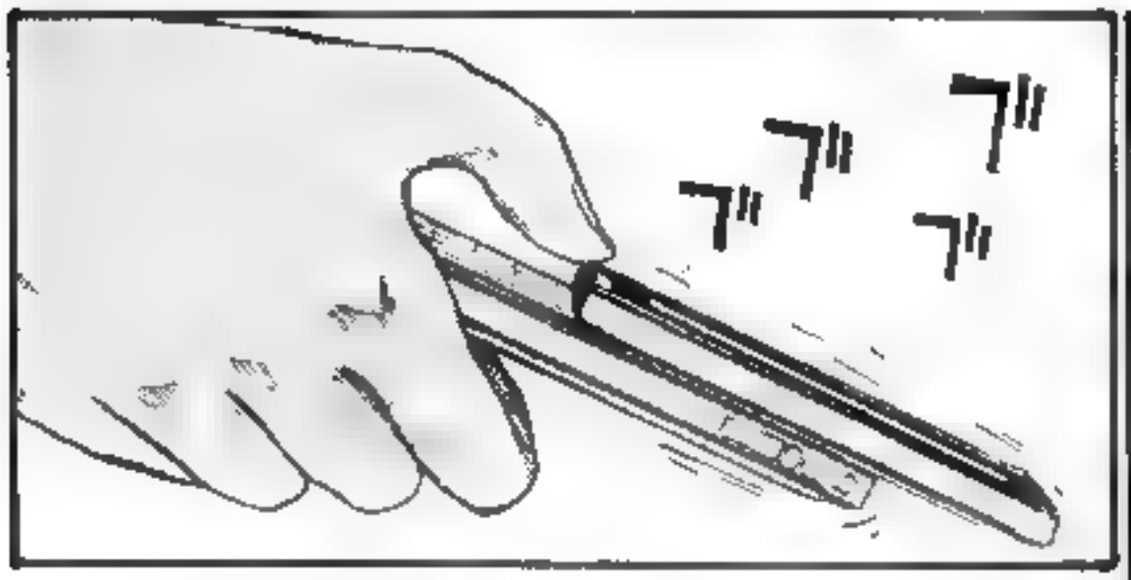
What is up with everyone flying off the handle for the most trivial things!?

Pegasus is extremely depressed right now.

Now's the time for us to lend him our strength. I'm calling everyone for a meeting right now...

Hello? Shimizu, is that you? This is Numata Hiromi.

Sorry for calling you so early in the morning but it's an emergency.



'Bout time you picked up.

So... Why've you been ignoring my calls lately?

You didn't reply back at all during the rainy season.

It's almost summer already, man. Summer. S.U.M.M.E.R.

You probably don't have anything planned for summer break, right?

Wanna go see the Museum of Death in Thailand with me?

I'll convince your old man if that's what you're worrying about.

I'll also cover for all your trip expenses. I just need this trip right now.

Brother?

This country's too gloomy, we should go somewhere more fun.

I'm going to school now.

Oh, on a slightly different topic...

And on my way home, I'm gonna drop by the hospital to go see grandpa.

I sorta need to stay at your place for a bit, is that okay?

Stop messin' with me, man...

What're you staying silent for?

Well?

I don't know how much fun you're having with them,

But hanging out with those weirdos are only gonna get you in trouble.

...You still hanging out with those weird cultists?

You really oughta quit that sooner than later...

Is believe in me.

All you need to do,

But...

You never believe in me.

beep

...I want to believe in you,

Kou, honey! Do you have your hat on?

Oh my!

Well, aren't you just cute as a button!

Mommy...

You're still right there as always... Right...?

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事故多レ
速
I'll be off then!

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Hello, there.

Ah, my bad.
I forgot you disliked cigarette smoke...

The two of us are already close acquaintances, wouldn't you say?
Well, it has been a little over a year since we first met.
How many times have we met like this by now...?

Good vibrations...

Freezie, my dear Freezie.

Did you think I'm a man who could be so easily cheered up with those words?

My magical warriors of the 12 music scales...

Please try to erect myself, if you will...

It seems you and I are quite alike.

I always believed you'd come around to it eventually.

I'll do it. The job, I mean.

...So what exactly is involved in this button-pushing job?

It sounds sketchy but I'm in the mood to earn lots of cash right now.

If you're asking what'll happen when that button is pushed, that's not something you need concern yourself with.

That's a redundant question.

A button-pushing job will have you push a button, that's all.

The consequences of it being pushed, of course, will not concern you either.

Let me tell you right now,

That I'm not okay with it if this harms others.

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...What exactly are you and your "musicians" trying to do?

It can't be just to form a melodica band now, right?

No, of course not.

Rest assured, nothing of the sort will happen.

Though I kindly look upon your concern for a childhood friend, I'm afraid that is up to him and only him to decide.

None of us are forcing him into anything.

You mean Freezie?

I'd like it if you didn't drag Shimizu into whatever it is you're doing.

Although he cannot willingly predict the future of what he wishes to see,

The predictions he does make have been always correct.

I was a university student when I first met Hoshikawa Toshiki, the man now called Pegasus.

As I've told you before, he has the mysterious power to predict the future.

That our society is nothing but a hellhole.

There are times when I also think,

It's like... How an infinite numer of harmonies can be born from a finite set of 12 distinct musical scales.

And I have you to thank for teaching me that!

But after joining this ensemble,

I've realized that there's no such thing as a worthless person!

As you can imagine, most people merely think of him as a fool.

I feel that it is my duty to have as many people as I can to concede the validity of Pegasus' ability.

But who are the real fools here, I wonder...

Pegasus told me that he predicts the future by analyzing the music he hears in his dreams...

The naysayers are nothing but ignoramuses who can only spout their own subjective sense of values.

Has been engraved as musical scales onto the surface of a giant cylinder called the Akashic records.

According to him,

Everything that has happened and will happen in this universe,

A music box of infinite proportions...

That is the shape of our universe.

And this music box, you see,

Is singing an unstable tune...

On July 7th,

This violent dissonance will cause the destruction of this world.

That chaotic vibration on that day,

relax-milk factory

is what Pegasus has come to call the "Promised Despair."

Your boundless kindness that can even forgive the dark spot...

I for one believe we can all get along even better!

As long as we don't lose sight of this feeling, this world will forever continue to shine!

He has also said a Paruwa with popping-eyes will come falling down.

But I have no idea what he means by that.

Perhaps it signifies some large-scale calamity or the uneasiness present in society...

But whatever it is, it will result in great tragedy for humanity.

I think the real reason for my weight loss is that I believed that I could. And I want to let everyone know they can too if they believe!

Just as you predicted, I lost 5kg.

But I don't think that happened just because you said it would.

After many years of research, Pegasus has discovered a way to harmonize this instability.

And that is to engrave the melody of a certain tune to the Akashic records.

The tune I'm referring to is one that highly resembles the song, "Tsubasa wo Kudasai."*

*Please grant me wings

This is for the sake of humanity's future...

...Haha. It might not seem like it's going too well but he's a kind man...

And that is why we, the Pegasus Ensemble, perform that piece every day.

Over and over again, facing the whole of the universe.

I have something to tell you.

Pegasus,

The two of us are married now!

It's a long story but it's all thanks to you that we ended up together.

So I had to tell you no matter what to thank you for it...

But...

What about you, Mr. Wada? What is it that you wish to do?

Alright, I understand the deal with your friend.

But you just stated that you want everyone to acknowledge your friend's powers.

I thought your group wanted to save the world?

All I wish for is to get others to realize the greatness of Pegasus' prophecies.

...Isn't that quite the contradiction?

If that happened, then the prophecy wouldn't come true...

As long as Pegasus himself does not make an inaccurate prediction.

...In short, I must not let him make any more predictions.

This is inevitable.

No, not quite.

As Pegasus predicted, a great calamity will befall us on July 7th.

Now this is also in line with my wishes,

My buddy from Kansas also said "Pegasus should fly".

Gimme a break!! Dude, you're the coolest guy in the world!!

As the people continue to go on with their lives with anxieties and future expectations in hand,

On July 7th,

They will witness the great calamity and be reminded of Pegasus.

...But also powerless.

As I said, I wish to make him famous.

He is extraordinarily kind, generous, and merciful...

Very beautiful, don't you think?

And at that moment, they will realize.

What a farce this world truly is.

And that's why I want to ride this new wave of the future.

History is an ever-continuing sequence of the coincidental and mysterious...

You're not the indecisive type!

I ain't buying it!

Ah yes, the Sagamihara Triangle Incident!

Pegasus' older brother told me that Pegasus once saved many lives from a certain disaster.

...Or something like that.

Oh that reminds me,

And I've already told you, didn't I?

That I won't let him prophesize any more.

The Pegasus I know is capable of no such power.

My personal take on that is it was merely a prank by children.

...But the future will not change.

All he can do is prophesize.

...Yes. Quite a predicament.

Do you resent me for it?

You're planning to betray your dear friend, is that right?

So in short,

It's not a bad reply.

Good Vibrations.

Well...

...I understand clearly now.

To be honest, I'm more concerned about how sane you really are.

I agree completely!

The time is ripe. You must save the Lovers for the sake of the children's futures.

We must dare to endure the hardships and scale down our infrastructure.

By sacrificing our personal freedoms, we can give birth to a society of law and order.

I also have no stubborn attachments to our terminally ill society now on its last legs.

I have no tastes for the paranormal.

I'm a realist.

Exactly.

But humans need something to believe in.

...Here is your advance payment.

...Let me ask you,

Do you believe in the existence of a divine and all-knowing being?

Of course not, that's ridiculous.

For example, money, dreams, or relationships.

Whatever it is, humans cannot live but blindly pursue these things despite the fact that none are remotely universal in nature.

That is why I wished to present the greatest pop icon of our age.

"Lil' Chubster"...

Did you know that 10 years ago,

There was a man in this city arrested for the murder of his 9 family members?

I intended to make that man the god of our times through a plan spanning a decade.

...Unfortunately, he ended up turning himself in to the police.

Pegasus...

It was you who believed in me.

Lil' Chubster

And it made me very happy!

Mathematics is absolute, and I'm a man who loves the absolutes. It's my calling, the theme of my life, you might say.

What's your theme?

Isn't the idea of human crossing over time into the 4th dimension grand? Almost romantic?

A musical scale is numerical. In other words, the music box he envisions this universe as can also be laid out as a numerical sequence.

Do you understand what I'm getting at? Simply put, this universe is merely just one part of π which stretches to infinity.

This coming festival will be the release of the soul.

If you have a loved one, I suggest you use the time you have left to express your love to that person.

I suppose.

Uhh... To spend every day having fun without any worries if possible,

That, too, is also a part contained somewhere inside the infinity of pi.

It's difficult having a trouble-some friend, isn't it? I know only too well...

Let's have tea together again when space-time distorts itself.

Is that so? I'd love to hear more about that but I'm afraid now's not the time...

...You're weird.

...I've already given up on that.

And what that fun is and how you go about having it is all dependent upon the person, isn't it?

That's why...

Now let me say one last thing as I leave.

To me, life is about fun.

I am, aren't I?

I think so too myself.

I'll make,

Hoshikawa Toshiki a god of the people.

Pegasus...

Stood up!

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Pegasus stood up!

Look!

Yes...

Your father too, Ikoshikawa Hiroshiki, cheated his wounded self up many times.

And ascended in his spirit-form after deep mediation to battle calamaties...

This may be an arduous battle...

BUT!

That is probably why you have worked so hard for these past 10 years...

You will become the leader of the new world.

So now's not the time for you to complain and be depressed.

We all want you there. Dear anybody!

Now be brave and take a step forward.

For the sake of the future!

Now then.

Let's conclude with the special line.

Ready?

We all LOOOOOVE.

Pegasus!

That's a wrap!

These exceedingly pleasant vibrations...

I must've finally reached god's domain...

Such a beautiful view before!

I've never seen,

Even if my body is to be destroyed,

I cannot help myself,

From trying to protect this beautiful world!

This is not a matter of whether my Lovers are trustworthy.

What's being tested here is what I wish to believe in.

So let me say thus! I trust you all more than I can bear!

There is nothing you can't do or achieve.

Yes, that's right...

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Maybe if it keeps on raining,

We'll all be submerged underwater...

The rain's not stopping...

Shouldn't it have stopped by now?

Pan-dan noodles.

Miso ramen.

Oodles of noodles...

"...I'm okay with it."

Punpun.

Do you like noodles too?

Punpun...

Do you plan to kill me someday too?

I wonder if the me of now is still the same me of the past...

And if you're still really you...?

"...I think you should get some sleep."

"What're you saying all of a sudden?"

Ok...

Please don't go off and leave me alone...

Pumpun

Good

We should be together like this

I wonder if
we'll be able
to see the
Milky Way
this year?
Just like the
one we saw
back then
at the
abandoned
factory...

"...Wishing upon shooting stars doesn't make them come true."

...If we see shooting stars,

Right, but what if.

What would you wish if they did...?

What would you wish for, Punpun?

"...I'd wish for shooting stars to disappear forever."

WE LOVE FUJISAN

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Mt. Fuji was the best!
Definitely gonna come again next year!

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country	Kanagawa
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Came fr
indian

Yo!

munch

munch

slurp

slurp

slurp

slurp

Yo, Punpun!

'Sup!
Sup.

Look, look!

Mt. Fuji looks like a Mont Blanc pastry.

Ramen, ramen,

Ra-ra-ra-men-men-men-men!

Punpun?

Why're you so cheerful today?

Like what?

Huh?

"I realized something funny, that's all.

"I'm still the same me. Always been and always will be."

Make some more sense, you big dummy.

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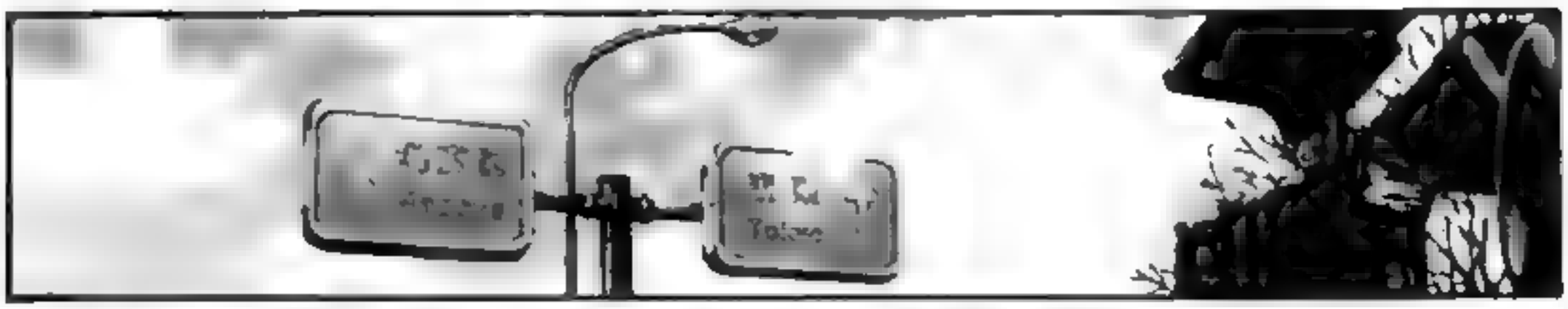

Punpun!

This stuff is really good!

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(laughs)

"How's your stomach, Aikot"

Hm?

Yeah, I'm really hungry!

"No, I mean your wound."

Punpun thought to himself...

Perhaps it'd be best to let loose of my emotions and act however I feel from now on.

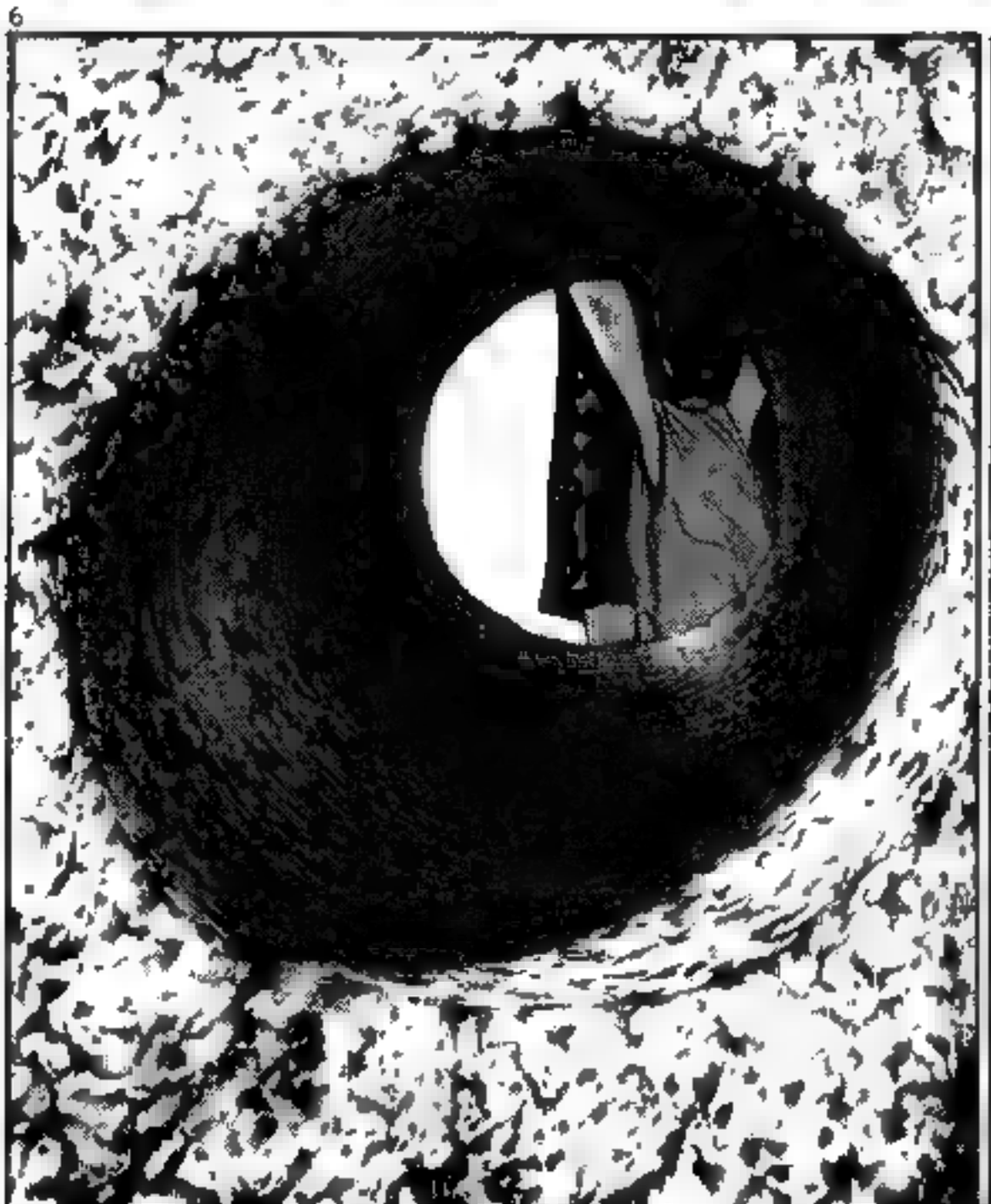
Even if other people think my life's hit rock bottom,

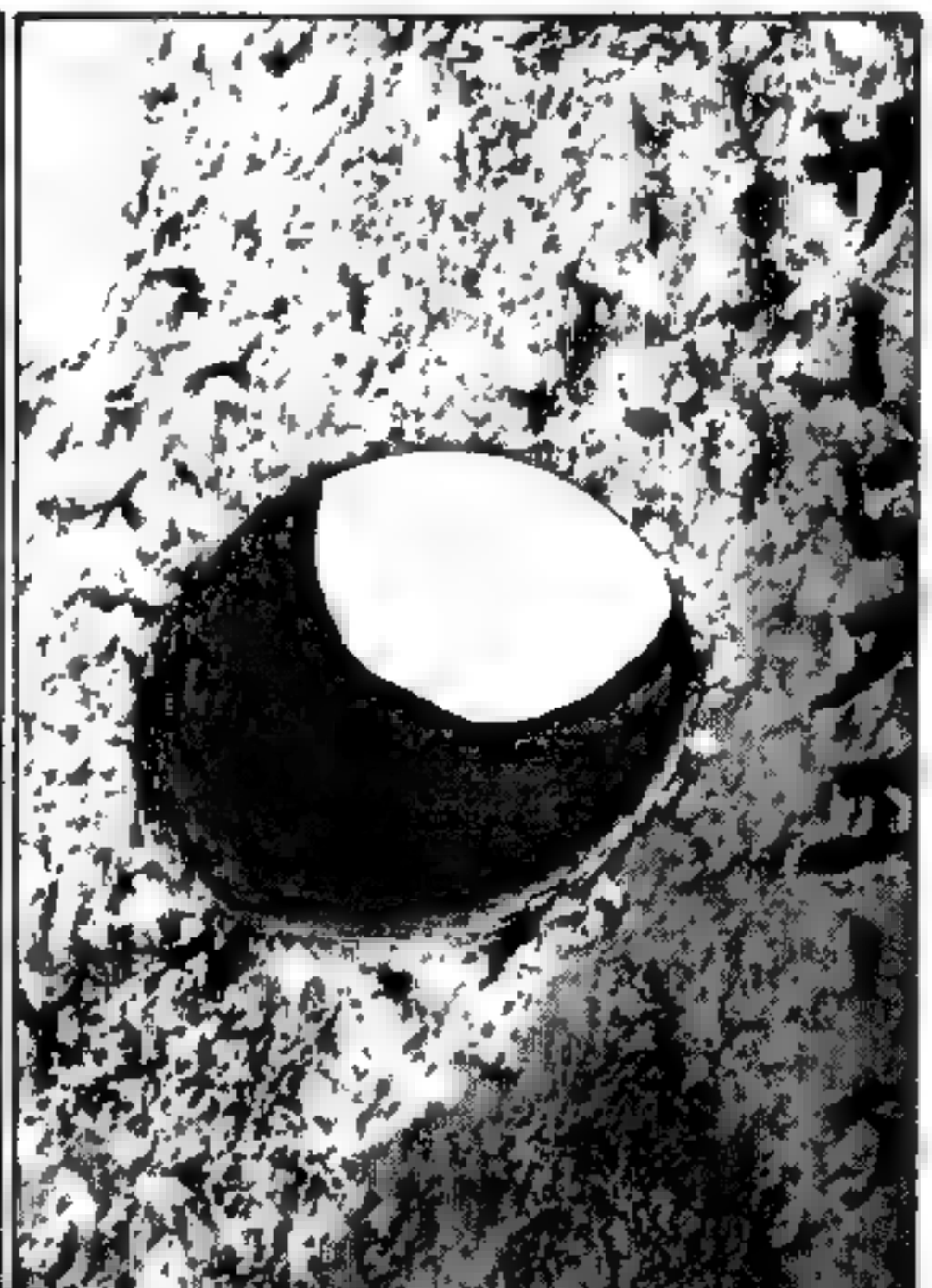
So what?

If they give me the finger, I'll give it to them right back.

I have to pee.

What lies beyond this edge is neither hell nor despair.





Even if this throbbing is just a momentary fuss over nothing.

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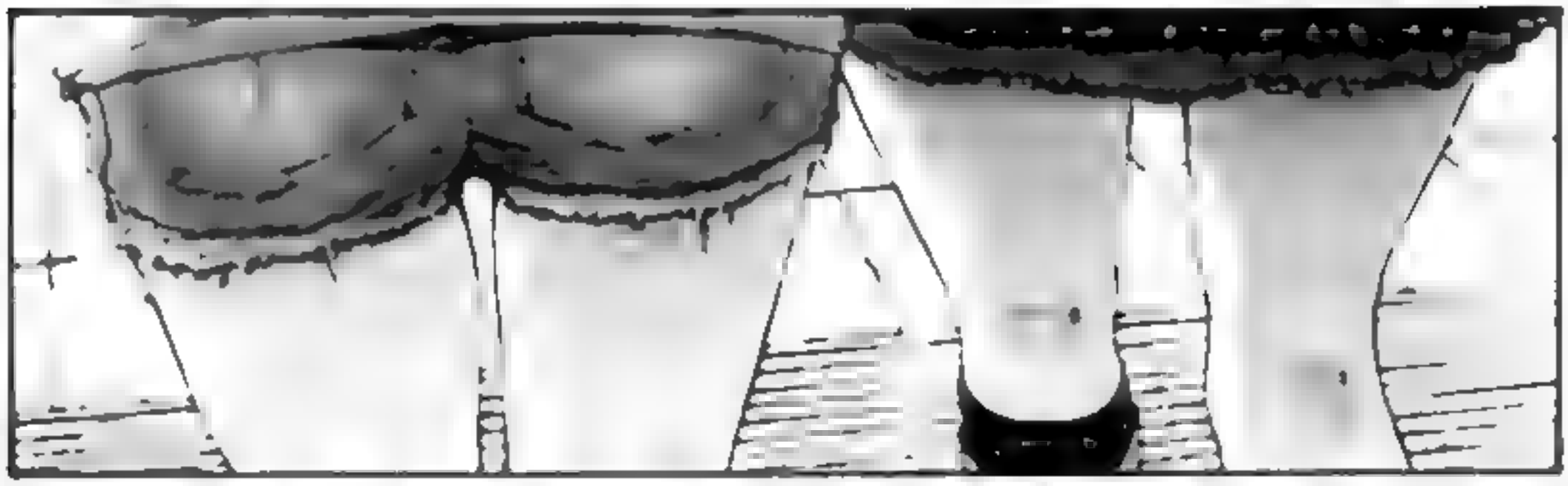


"You took quite a bit of time in there."

...Punpun

I redid the bandages on my stomach.

Also...

I'm on my period.

I've calmed down and thought through things a little.

You know,

Not only that, our car license plate would make us look suspicious for coming from so far away.

And since my mother's the owner of that car, it'd be impossible to get the forms needed to change the plate.

Even if we find a nice place to live in Kagoshima,

What would we even do for the necessary guarantor? Or what about our certificate of residence?

We need to think realistically about what to do from now on.

If we keep on running here and there with no real plan, we're going to regret it.

I'm saying this because I know you can especially be a bit simple-minded.

"...Not as simple-minded as you.".

Do you understand?

Trust is all that's holding our relationship up.

You have to make sure I can always trust you.

Just imagine what would've happened to you had I actually went to the police.

Hey, don't get angry at me now.

"...So what exactly should I do then?"

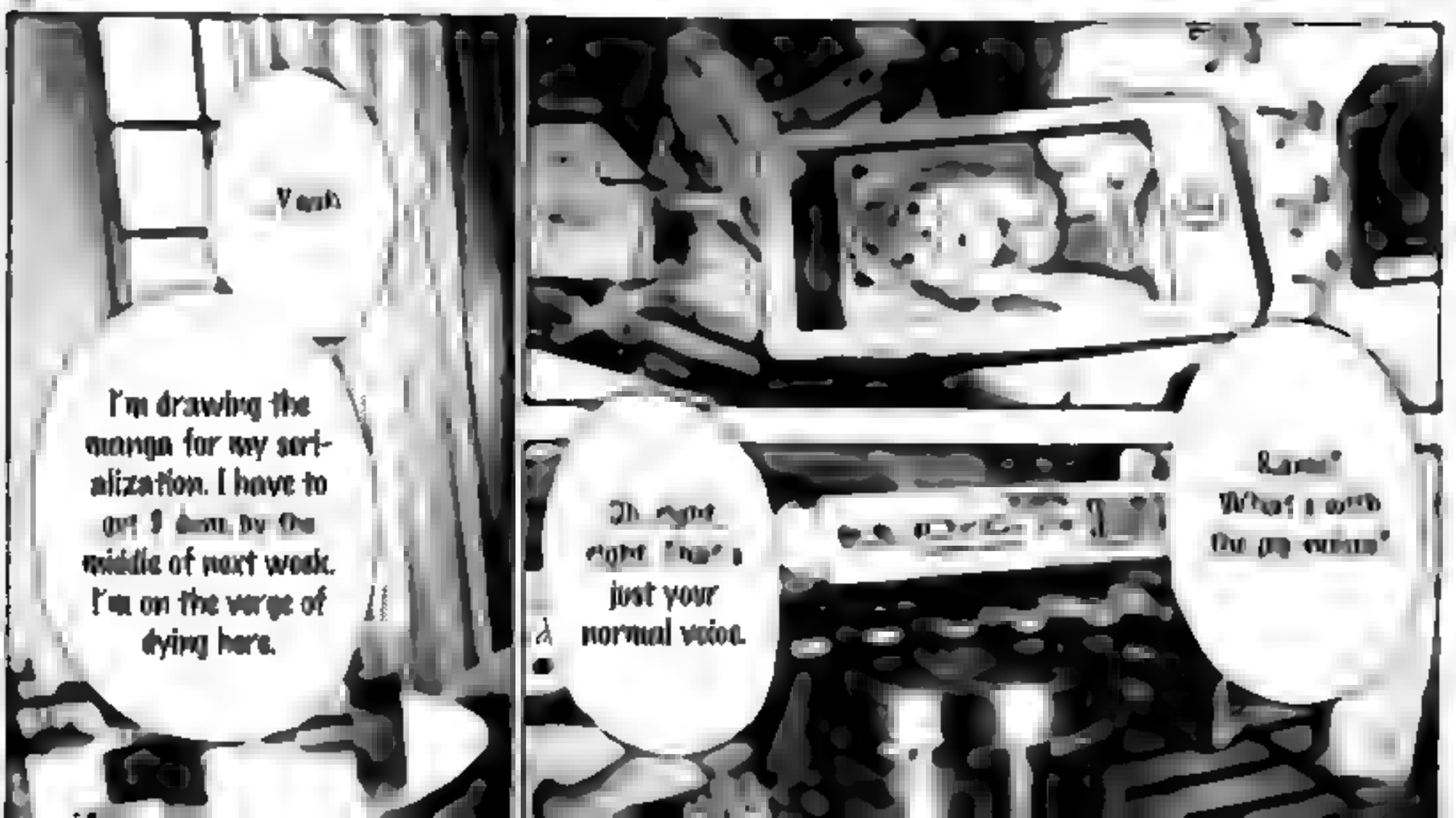
How about...

We get rid of one of your eyes?

All you have to do is keep your eyes on me.

So wouldn't you think it'd be more convenient if you only had one eye to keep track of?

"...You're right."


Yeah
I'm drawing the manga for my serialization. I have to get 9 done by the middle of next week. I'm on the verge of dying here.
It's not right that's just your normal voice.
Rats! What a waste for my voice!

Punpun?

I had sort of a fight on the phone with him before so I later went over to apologize.

But he wasn't there. And it looked like he hasn't been home since the last time I phoned him.

Who knows.

Maybe I'll just go with the flow and pop out a baby.

...I didn't end up going to the hospital.

Huh?

You want me to go look for him? Overre-acting much? He's not gonna die, you know.

Look, I know how he acts. He'll be back sooner or later.

I told you, I don't know! Wherever he goes and whatever the hell he does is his own damn choice!

...Sorry, I really gotta concen-trate and work right now. We can talk about this later.

I'm not some needy girl that lets her emotions get the better of her...

I have to focus and do what matters right now!

Hello? Mimura?

Do you know where Punpun is?

hah

hah

hah

hah

hah

hah

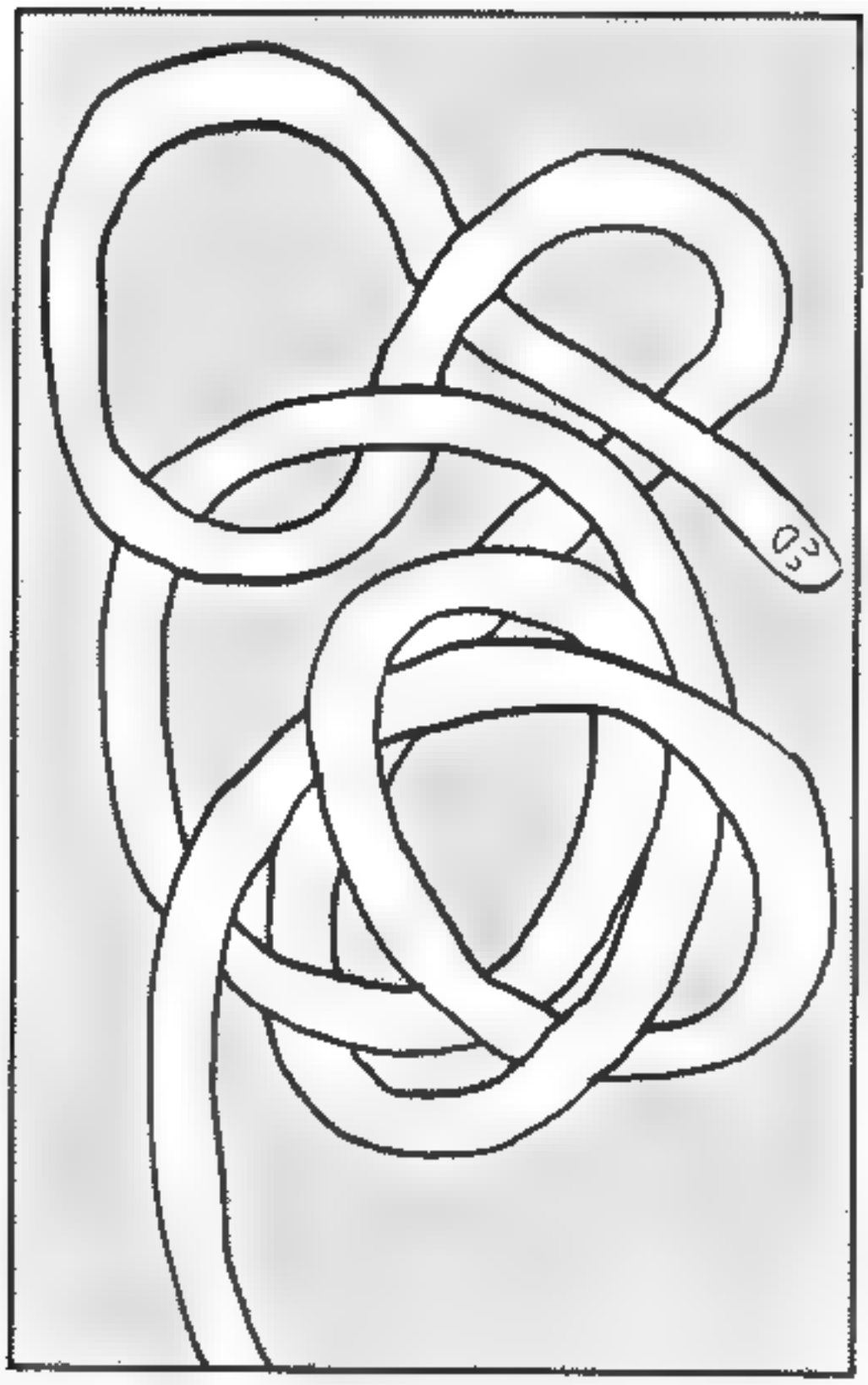
hah

"Do it properly if you're gonna do it at all. Drive it in deep and rip it out if you have to."

"...You're always like this. You never fail to disappoint me, stupid bitch."

B-but...

I love you, Punpun...



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